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Row over questioning rules

Acquittal puts police at war with lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB AND EDWARD GORMAN

■ Lawyers are calling for compulsory lessons in interviewing for the police as a man cleared of murder plans to sue over his "oppressive interrogation"

LAWYERS and police were in open conflict last night over what leading solicitors and barristers described as the police's heavy-handed approach to suspects.

One solicitor said trench warfare was breaking out in police stations as officers ignored rules on questioning suspects. Others demanded compulsory training in interviewing techniques for all police and the retention of a defendant's right to silence.

The row broke out as George Heron announced plans to sue the police for wrongful arrest after his acquittal of the murder of seven-year-old Nikki Allan in Sunderland last year. The trial judge, Mr Justice Mitchell, condemned the police questioning of Mr Heron as oppressive and gratuitously offensive, and refused to allow a taped confession to be put to the jury. He also accused officers of misrepresenting evidence in other interviews.

Northumbria police now intend to hold an enquiry into the way the murder investigation was conducted. Det Supt Barry Stewart, the head of the force's CID, said the results would be published with a view to making national recommendations, but he remained convinced yesterday that his officers had not subjected Mr Heron to oppressive questioning.

"It would be entirely wrong to be pussy-footing about. We have a responsibility to search for the truth," he told BBC Radio Four's *The World at One*. Mr Heron's solicitor had made no complaints at the time of the interview and the resulting tapes were considered by experts to be absolutely flawless. "In that context, I believe the criminal justice system has failed to secure what could have been secured in this case," he said.

But Anthony Edwards, a member of the Law Society's criminal law committee, was staggered by Mr Stewart's attitude. "Until they learn to investigate cases, which means acting as investigators and not accusers, they are going to go on losing evidence." Many police officers seemed to be ignoring guidelines on interviewing, he said. "It is almost impossible now to get through a police interview without having to intervene."

Mr Edwards added that the attitude of the police was creating an atmosphere of trench warfare and relations between officers and defence solicitors were deteriorating. "We are shouted at and abused almost daily."

Roger Ede, secretary of the criminal law committee, agreed, saying there was a big difference between persistent questioning, which is allowed, and exerting pressure. The problem was one of the police cultural tradition, he said. "The police develop a theory, then they interview with a view to confirming that theory rather than questioning it with an open mind."

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice set up in the wake of the "Cardiff Three" case, recommended a national interview training programme for officers at every level, and Mr Ede called for that training to be made compulsory. The Heron case flagged up the need for a right to silence, he added. "If a defendant is faced with this sort of questioning, his only weapon is to refuse to answer questions." The government intends to restrict this right by allowing comment on a defendant's silence at trial.

Police practice when questioning suspects is governed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act of 1984 and Home Office guidelines issued this year. But the codes do not go into detail on the kind of questioning allowed: that is left to defence solicitors at the time of interview and, subsequently, the courts.

Professor Michael Zander, a member of the commission, said the case showed that there were limits to what the courts would tolerate. "The courts are taking a very serious view and will not tolerate the traditional loud-mouthed heavy, aggressive questioning approach."

But Professor Mike McConville of Warwick University said courts looked at how confessions were obtained with a degree of elasticity. For one to be ruled out by virtue of oppression must have meant the police engaged in behaviour of a very extreme kind.

Professor McConville accused the royal comission of failing abysmally in making recommendations to deal with the problem, while Lord Williams of Mostyn, a former Bar Council chairman, said that the English criminal trial system had been perverted by over-reliance on confession evidence.

As the legal debate developed, Mr Heron described the four days of police interviewing that led to his confessing to Nikki's murder. He said that he had not been eating or sleeping properly and that he capitulated after denying the killing more than 120 times.

"It was just a one-sided battle which I wasn't going to win. They were oppressive and using members of my family. It was getting to me, so I decided enough was enough. I didn't want my family to suffer. I knew it was me they

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Alessandra Mussolini celebrating yesterday after securing a place in the second-round poll for Naples

Mussolini urges general election

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRESSURE for an early general election mounted yesterday after Italian voters delivered a resounding blow to the centrist parties supporting Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the isolated prime minister.

President Scalfaro came under heavy pressure to dissolve a parliament that clearly no longer reflects the political landscape of the country and to call an early election next spring. "The government must step down and it would be a good thing if President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro went as well," said Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, who will take part in run-off elections in Naples.

The results wiped nearly 5 per cent off the Milan stock exchange as investors bailed out. Government bonds and the lira, key measures of investor confidence, took a sharp fall.

"This parliament no longer represents anyone," said Irene Pivetti, a legislator representing the Lombardy League, after 11 million voters repudiated Italy's traditional parties in elections for 428 mayors and councils.

Achille Occhetto, the former Communist leader, proclaimed his Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) to be Italy's largest grouping after left-wing candidates pulled ahead in all the key cities in the first round of voting. The neo-Fascist MSI party also won record support when it became the largest party in Rome and confirmed itself as the new magnet for the protest vote in central and southern Italy.

Palermo, the Sicilian capital, was the only key city where the outcome of the election was decided on the first vote. Leoluca Orlando, the charismatic founder of the anti-Mafia Rete (Network) party, won a remarkable 75 per cent of the vote.

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Major backs prince's business envoy role

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ALAN HAMILTON

JOHN Major signalled yesterday that he wants to boost the Prince of Wales in the role of a roving commercial ambassador for Britain.

The prime minister let it be known that he would investigate any difficulties encountered by the prince in his dealings with Whitehall.

On the day that it was disclosed that the prince was frustrated by what he sees as a lack of support from government departments, Downing Street officials said Mr Major was keen for the prince to play an active part in helping to win business abroad.

The prince has become irritated at what he sees as the failure of government departments to co-ordinate their approach to royal visits that can do much for Britain both commercially and culturally.

Downing Street officials said last night that the Foreign Office did all it could to facilitate the prince's overseas trips and worked closely with Buckingham Palace. Department of Trade and Industry officials also became involved.

After his highly successful visit earlier this month to the Gulf, where kings, shaikhs and emirs still have billions to spend in the industrial world despite slack world demand for their oil, the prince dropped hints that Whitehall could be doing more to back up his regular trade missions.

Richard Needham, the trade minister, admitted last night that Whitehall could do more to support the prince's foreign visits.

The prince's frustration appears to stem from his visit to the last day of the Dubai air show this month, now the world's largest aircraft and arms bazaar outside Europe, where he made a distinctly favourable impression on British defence salesmen. But

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MoT men shot dead at garage

TWO MoT inspectors with the Department of Transport were killed by armed raiders yesterday during an attack on a garage in central Stockport, Greater Manchester. Police started a hunt last night for the two attackers, thought to be in their 20s and armed with a shotgun, who walked into the Chestergate Auto Centre at about 4pm and shot both men in the head.

One of the victims is thought to have been killed instantly and the other died soon afterwards. They were shot in front of two fellow workers at the garage, and police believe they were followed to the garage by their killers.

Detective Superintendent Rod Murray, head of Stockport CID, said: "We have no motive so far. The two men shot dead were not from the garage, nor were they customers." There had been a robbery attempt near by earlier in the afternoon, but police could not say if the incidents were linked.

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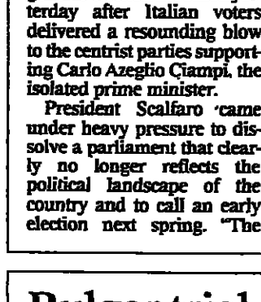
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Bulger trial QC tells of 'many tears'

BY RONALD FAUX

NOBODY involved in the James Bulger murder trial will ever be the same again, or see a child separated from his or her mother without remembering him, the jury heard yesterday.

Lawyers for each of the 11-year-old boys charged with murdering two-year-old James blamed the other boy. David Turner QC, defending the boy known as Child A, said: "In this case there



Jamie Bulger: Liverpool "missed a heartbeat"

have been many tears shed, public and private tears, tears in the witness box, tears in the public gallery, and tears in the dock." He said the sorrow and pain of James's parents had dominated the trial.

When the news and manner of James's death became known on St Valentine's day "the city of Liverpool missed a heartbeat and the nation was shrouded in grief," Mr Turner told the jury at Preston Crown Court on the 15th day of the trial.

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No crib, no Noel at the playgroup Christmas festival

BY ANDREW PIERCE

HUNDREDS of pre-school playgroups may be forced to abandon Christmas celebrations after guidelines from a government-funded association suggested that marking the Christian festival alone could be politically incorrect.

At least one playgroup, Rodett St Mary's in Lewisham, southeast London, has already cancelled its Christmas festivities after advice from the Pre-School Playgroups Association that there "should be arrangements for celebrating festivals from all cultures". The association receives an annual £1.5 million government grant.

The Lewisham group has decided, reluctantly, that the guidelines mean there can be no Nativity play, no crib, no Christmas tree. Karen Stokes, group leader, said: "It has reached the stage where we feel we have someone looking over our shoulder."

The voluntary guidelines, issued to over 20,000 playgroups around Britain, apply even to groups which contain no children from different ethnic backgrounds or religions.

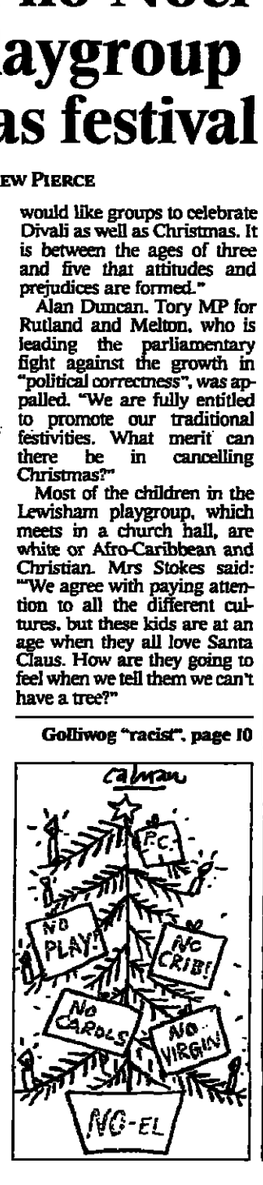
The education department issues no guidelines but a syllabus is set by the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, comprising teachers, parents and the church. The association's guidelines are said to reflect the make-up of the local population, but it insists that no one needs to cancel Christmas.

A spokeswoman said: "Playgroups are self-financing, so parents decide. In an ideal world, the association would like groups to celebrate Divali as well as Christmas. It is between the ages of three and five that attitudes and prejudices are formed."

Alan Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, who is leading the parliamentary fight against the growth in "political correctness", was appalled. "We are fully entitled to promote our traditional festivities. What merit can there be in cancelling Christmas?"

Most of the children in the Lewisham playgroup, which meets in a church hall, are white or Afro-Caribbean and Christian. Mrs Stokes said: "We agree with paying attention to all the different cultures, but these kids are at an age when they all love Santa Claus. How are they going to feel when we tell them we can't have a tree?"

Golliwog "racist", page 10



Fresh Bosnia talks on aid deliveries

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WITH Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, giving a warning that Bosnia is on the edge of a "humanitarian catastrophe" this winter, European Union foreign ministers called fresh peace talks in Geneva next week while saying that the West would use force if aid deliveries are blocked.

EU foreign ministers, meeting in Luxembourg, said sanctions against Belgrade could be eased if Serbia ceded territory to Bosnian Muslims. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, welcomed this "new approach", but Momcilo Krajisnik, head of the Bosnian Serb assembly, said the EU proposal was "another political trap set by the West".

Willy Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister and current President of the EU Council of Ministers, said the EU "would not hesitate" to use force if necessary. UN aid convoys were halted last month after a Danish lorry driver was killed. Colonel Bill Aikman, spokesman for the UNited Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo, said relief convoys could start moving again "within a day".

British troops will take a 36-lorry food convoy to Zenica today after agreement with Croatian forces on safe passage. But a 46-lorry convoy carrying supplies to the Nordic UN peacekeeping contingent in Tuzla was turned back by Bosnian Serbs yesterday.

At the Geneva meeting, Serbia will be asked cede more captured territory to the Bosnian Muslims. They will also be asked to loosen Serbian control of Krajina in eastern Croatia and of the Albanian majority in Kosovo.

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Lang brings the House down with his ooh aaarggghhs

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Ystradgynlais is not easy to say on the best of days. But on a frosty Monday afternoon at Westminster, tongue rusty from the long recess and frozen by the unseasonal chill, when you are obliged to lead a debate on Wales and Scotland, when you are actually the Secretary of State for Scotland, when you know nothing of Wales or Welsh affairs, but when part of the speech your officials have given you summarises proposals for local government changes in Wales ... what do you do?

In the circumstances, Ian Lang, Scottish secretary, did magnificently. It would be churlish to say he overdid it, or played somewhat to the gallery. Welsh purists may carp, but to *English ears it* sounded stylish.

Mr Lang was listing some of the places in Wales affected by boundary reviews. "Ooh! Str*aarggghh*-lace" he said, lingering throatily on the "*gggh*h" and looking soulfully around the Chamber, perhaps for a spittoon.

He went on to hit the double l in "Llanelli" hard, twice, giving special emphasis to the voiceless alviolar lateral fricative (or lisped water-going-down-a-plughole) noise so beloved of the Welsh, and *Zulu, people. Next came* "Merionydd", which Lang performed with a sort of linguistic twirl, as though inviting calls for an encore.

There were cheers. Sitting next to Lang, John Redwood, the Welsh secretary, later to make the closing speech and who can, by repute, sing "God Save the Queen" in Welsh, gave one of those nauseated smiles the runner-up for an Oscar gives as the winner takes the trophy. Ron Davies, Redwood's shadow, rubbed salt into the wound by congratulating Lang on his Welsh and wondering whether the Scottish secretary had been chosen to outline Welsh boundary changes because the Welsh secretary was un*able to pronounce them.*

To check his spelling, your sketchwriter spoke to an official from the Welsh office. Interestingly, the official pronounced Ystradgynlais not as "Ooh! Str*aarggghh*-lace", like Lang, but as "Astrid gun-lice". So now we have two versions.

Still, any entertainment was welcome. *It is said that tabloid* journalists try to devise short headlines combining every word known to catch attention — like ROYAL SEX SLAYING: VICAR QUIZZED. If so, the title of yesterday's debate triumphantly exemplified the opposite: five words guaranteed to drive us away from the Commons: LOCAL GOVERNMENT: SCOTLAND & WALES.

Given such inauspicious circumstances, the newest recruit to the shadow cabinet, George Robertson, made a splendid start.

Replying to Lang, he succeeded in mixing argument, fact, rumour, scandal and innuendo *in judicious measure*, all marinated in a generous basinful of scorn.

Scorn and Mr Robertson never seem to be far apart.

In repose his features are unexceptional; but the moment he speaks, scorn rearranges the furniture. Lips curl, eyes flash, even his nose seems to twitch as he smells the rat.

Within minutes of his taking the floor, we had learnt that Tory plans are the completely unwanted, totally unnecessary, socially unwise and cynically manipulated foxing and fiddling of a conniving government devised by the whiskered funny-money men and dodgy ex-bankers camping out in the Scottish office.

A chap who can have such fun with a boundary review in Scotland and Wales is likely to go further than Ystradgynlais.

Tebbit attacks Major over Ulster peace initiative

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Tebbit last night delivered the strongest Conservative criticism of John Major's Ulster peace initiative in a speech that also attacked the government's lack of direction in tackling instability in Britain.

The former cabinet minister hinted that Mr Major was in danger of damaging the Union as Downing Street sought to allay unionist and Tory fears over the concessions needed to secure a political settlement.

Throwing doubt on Mr Major's back-to-basics strategy, Lord Tebbit used a speech to a Tory right-wing gathering to denounce a range of government policies, including those on Europe, crime, the family *and Northern Ireland.*

He suggested that the IRA would not lay down their arms for anything that did not undermine the place of Ulster within the United Kingdom. Unless there was a willingness to accept that, he found it difficult to understand why the government should speak *of the prospects of peace.*

It was a direct reference to Mr Major's Guildhall speech last week in which he spoke of the possibility of there being a better opportunity for peace than for many years.

Lord Tebbit, still regarded as a standard-bearer of the Thatcherite right, was delivering the first Nicholas Ridley memorial lecture, in recognition of the late Lord Ridley of Liddesdale, to the Conservative Way Forward group.

He seized on Mr Major's back-to-basics initiatives by warning that "some of those basics may be gone beyond return". He referred at length to Baroness Thatcher's forward-thinking premiership and made it clear that attempts to return to previous values were doomed to failure.

"Margaret Thatcher realised instinctively that a society becoming unstable cannot be governed by simply trying to put back the clock. That had been the undoing of some of her predecessors," he said.

"The purpose of the reforms was neither to return to the past, not to ossify things as they were at the time."

He said no one seemed to have a coherent response to Britain's instability. The nation could be left "lacking in orientation and vulnerable to any pressures which may *push us one way or another*".

In a further thinly veiled criticism of Mr Major's strategy, he said that "ethical standards and customs" were a matter for society as a whole "but, so far as leadership in this area is concerned it is to philosophers and priests — rather than to politicians — to whom we should look".

He also challenged those, including many Tory MPs, who had reacted angrily to the policy of the Child Support Agency in pressing divorced fathers to increase maintenance payments to their families. Middle-class professionals, he said, were outraged at the suggestion that they, rather than the taxpayer, should keep their first wife and children. "They expect the state to adopt their first family in order that they may finance a second."

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ADRIAN BROOKS



John Gummer, the minister for London, braving the cold yesterday as he launched a campaign to improve life in the capital. More than 300,000 questionnaires inviting the opinions of Londoners have been sent out

Big freeze gives RAC its busiest day ever

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE RAC had the busiest day in its 95-year history yesterday with a record number of calls from stranded drivers as freezing conditions continued to grip the country. Tens of thousands of motorists jammed the RAC's emergency switchboards, peaking at 4,500 an hour by 10am.

The AA said the number of call-outs in London was at least double the usual rate for November.

Eastern regions from Scotland to Norfolk were the worst hit. Parts of the Borders had 4in of snow, while temperatures of -7C were recorded in Surrey.

The London Weather Centre says Britain faces another day of freezing temperatures. More snow is on the way, especially in the east, with freezing fog in central and western regions. Forecasters predict that the weather is unlikely to improve before the end of the week.

The Labour party called for an increase in special payments to pensioners and families on benefits yesterday to help cover the cost of fuel as a series of accidents highlighted the risks to the elderly. A woman aged 89 was found dead in a blanket that had caught fire yesterday. Trudie Palmer, of Ditton, Kent, slept in a chair next to a gas fire because her bedroom was too cold. The exact cause of death is not yet known.

Gertrude Sullivan, 83, a widow, died at her home in Childswickham, Hereford and Worcester, when her house caught fire. Police said she had been using candles to save electricity.

Stephen Beckett, 82, of Blackpool, died after a paraffin lamp he was using to light his way to an outside toilet set fire to his clothing.

The AA also reported a high rate of road accidents. William Stewart, 32, died after the minibus in which he was a passenger slid off a road in Dundee. William Stewart, Karen Whiston, 33, and her one-year-old son Sean died after their car hit a pile-up on the Coventry-Brinklow road. Phillip Kinsella, 25, the driver and Sean's father, is critically ill in hospital.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Threat of university tuition fees returns

The threat of tuition fees for students resurfaced last night with the disclosure that the government has reached its manifesto target for expanding higher education six years ahead of schedule. New figures showed that the number of fulltime undergraduates rose 7 per cent this autumn, bringing the proportion in higher education to 31 per cent — close to the one-in-three target specified in the Tory manifesto last year. The education secretary said the figures were a triumph for government policy. However, they caused speculation among Tory MPs that ministers might be about to announce changes to higher education funding.

Dublin summit doubts

Ministers played down expectations of a Dublin summit between John Major and Albert Reynolds as doubts were cast over the date of the gathering, originally expected for December 3. Downing Street said that Britain was still waiting for Dublin's formal "position paper" setting out its proposals. The summit was "a possibility, not a probability".

Dog law to be tackled

An attempt will be launched in the House of Lords today to strengthen the law on dangerous dogs as enquiries continue into the death of Dean Parker, 7, who was savaged by a dog at his school in Middlesbrough. The dog, which has been destroyed, was described by the vet who examined it as "a pit bull terrier type with some mastiff or bull mastiff qualities".

Circumcision charges

A Harley Street doctor was paid £400 to circumcise Muslim girls, some of them just a few days old, the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee was told yesterday. Farooque Hayder Siddique, of Paddington, west London, performed the illegal operation on an unknown number of girls, it was alleged. The hearing continues.

Man on murder charge

A man aged 24 is to appear before Bedlington magistrates in Northumberland today accused of killing Alison Stroud, 26, a council clerk found strangled in her flat in May 1991 after failing to arrive for Sunday lunch with her parents. Police originally charged Colin Elliott, 32, a colleague of Miss Stroud, but magistrates ruled there was no case to answer.

Couple in jackpot deal



An estranged couple yesterday reached an out-of-court settlement over the share-out of a £225,000 spot-the-ball prize. Tom Buckingham, left, a 68-year-old ex-policeman, left Ivy Richardson, a widow with whom he had been living at Pelton, Co Durham, days after the win. Mrs Richardson, 64, who described him as "a rat", had taken her case for half to a judge in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Hunt protest arrests

Fifteen hunt demonstrators were arrested yesterday after they allegedly imprisoned a member of the Field Sport Society. Police said that when the man arrived for work in Kennington, southeast London, protesters forced their way inside and locked him and themselves in an office. He was released unharmed a few minutes later.

Five held in raids

Detectives investigating a £200,000 social security fraud and illegal immigration ring yesterday raided homes on the Kent coast and in south London. The officers from Kent police joined forces with immigration and social security officials to arrest five people and confiscate documents, including benefit books and forged passports.

Major backs prince's role as trade envoy

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he was irritated to discover that Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, had attended four days beforehand, and that there was little or no co-ordination between the presence of two high-profile British representatives.

Sources within the British aerospace industry, which is locked in combat with the French for second position in the world export league after the United States, privately agreed with the prince yesterday. They said there was insufficient co-ordination between the industry, Whitehall and the palace to ensure that Britain maximised the impact of a royal visit.

Publicly, however, exporters will only praise the prince's efforts. Richard Turner, group marketing director of Rolls-Royce and vice-president of the Society of British Aerospace Companies, said yesterday: "To succeed in such an environment it is necessary to play every available card, and the ability to show such high-profile endorsement is something no other country can achieve. The prince's personal commitment to, and support for, the British presence was superb."

A senior government source said: "No one is keener than the prime minister to push British exports abroad. To the extent that the prince wants to do this the prime minister is keen to help him. He is very keen to see the prince play an active part."

Acquittal puts police at war with lawyers

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wanted, so I gave them what they wanted." Speaking from a secret hideaway, believed to be a religious retreat in northern England, Mr Heron described the past year as hell and said the police had destroyed his life. "Suing them is the only way I can properly clear my name. I was paranoid before all this, but I'm even worse now."

He appealed to Nikki's family, who continue to accuse him openly of murder, to accept the jury's verdict. "They were staring at me throughout the trial. There was hatred in their eyes," he said. "But I want to tell them I did not kill Nikki."

But his plea was dismissed by the child's grandfather, Dick Prest, who is planning to ask the Lord Chancellor to hold an enquiry into why the judge ruled out Mr Heron's confession. Sharon Prest, Nikki's mother, is meanwhile planning to listen to the interview tapes. She said: "As far as I'm concerned, the police did their job perfectly well. I think it is completely wrong for him to announce that he is going to sue the police."

She was speaking at the end of a tense day in Sunderland, where the offices of Mr Heron's solicitor were attacked on Sunday. A rock was thrown through Peter Thubron's window just before midnight, followed by a petrol bomb that did not ignite.

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Water laws will drain cash away, says Clarke

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke yesterday joined the fight against the cost of European water laws, saying they were making unrealistic demands on people's pockets.

The Chancellor told a meeting of the European Union's finance ministers that many of the regulations made sense in public health terms but little sense financially.

He cited a new directive aimed at cleaning up sewage discharged into rivers, estuaries and bathing waters. Mr Clarke said Britain had agreed to the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive two years ago, when our share of the cost was estimated at £2 billion. A recalculation showed that implementing the directive by the next century would cost Britain £10 billion.

Over the next five years this could add £500 to the average household water bill, Mr Clarke said. He urged ministers from other European nations to carry out the same costings and called for implementation of the directive to be slowed down.

Officials in Brussels said Britain should have recognised the costs when signing the directive, which requires towns of more than 10,000 to have additional water filtration and treatment plants. British officials say Brussels added clauses after the directive was agreed in principle.

Mr Clarke said the cost of environment laws was part of a wider need to cost European plans rigorously.

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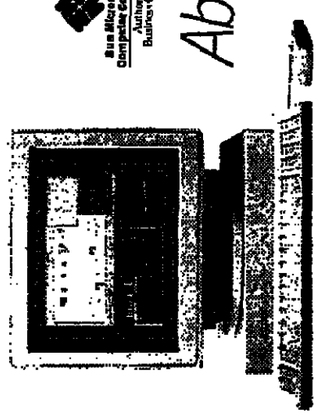
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Lawyers defending Bulger case boys swap accusations

BY RONALD FAUX

THE lawyers separately defending the two boys accused of James Bulger's abduction and murder blamed each other's clients yesterday.

The "terrible and terrifying" attack which killed two-year-old James was initiated and carried out by Child B, said David Turner QC, defending Child A.

Hours later Brian Walsh QC, defending Child B, told the jury at Preston Crown Court that Child A was "a confident, cocky, arrogant little liar" who had been the chief protagonist. His own client could well be guilty of manslaughter, but not murder, he said.

The trading of accusations was the principal feature of the fifteenth day of the trial in which the two boys, who were aged ten at the time of the alleged offences, deny the abduction and murder of James and the attempted abduction of another two-year-old boy at Bootle, Merseyside, on February 12.

Neither of the boys, now 11, have been called to give evidence in their own defence. But in their closing speeches the two defence QCs painted strongly contrasting pictures of their clients.

Mr Justice Morland is to begin his summing up today and the jury is expected to retire to consider its verdict tomorrow morning.

CLOSING SPEECH: CHILD A's LAWYER

'There was no diabolical plan'

MR TURNER said there was no diabolical plan to abduct a child and kill him. There could be no doubt that both boys went with James to the railway line where he died but he blamed Child B for murdering the infant.

"It is not a pleasant task for us to make that accusation against another, now 11-year-old, boy. But we say that for whatever reason — a reason that one can never know, petulance or a sudden swing of mood of the sort that became evident in the interviews — Child B unhappily and tragically carried out a sudden but sustained attack on little James."

Mr Turner said Child A's case had always been that the attack on James was initiated by the other boy. "It is beyond belief that the two children, whose only previous misdemeanours were no more than shoplifting and truancy, should have conceived and executed such a diabolical plan for James's abduction and murder."

He asked the jury to consider whether James's disappearance was a mischievous prank that got out of control. But if the boys' intention had been to take James to a lonely stretch of railway and murder him, did the jury believe they would follow a two and a half mile route along the busiest streets in Liverpool?

"These were kids trailing around not knowing where to go and they ended up directly opposite Walton Police Station. Could it have been that they were trying to get the boy to cross the road on his own?

"They were saddled by their own mischief with a little toddler who must have been tired out as they were themselves, unable to abandon him or foist him off on a grown-up. They did not have the courage to take him to the police station for fear of getting into trouble."

Mr Turner said that the only hostile act suggested against Child A was the persuasive kick a van driver saw him give James through his rear mirror, as he was moving round one of the busiest roundabouts in Liverpool. That evidence should be treated with the utmost caution.

Other evidence pointed towards Child B as the boy in control. "You will never forget his words," said Mr Turner. "'I did kill him. What about his mum? Will you tell her I am sorry? I was going to give myself up'."

He said Child B had invented and maintained a totally fictitious account of their day together, a cunning story that interwove fact with fiction.

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'These are two different minds'

BRIAN Walsh said Child B had wanted to tell the truth but because of the distress of his mother could not do so. He was the one boy who showed genuine remorse, whose final interviews with the police had been the truth.

"Once the protective influence, the inhibiting influence of his mother had gone he was able to tell the police what they sensed he wanted to tell them for a long time," he said.

Mr Walsh told the jury it would be easy to say: "Let's have them both and good riddance to the pair of them," because they were both there when James was killed.

Why draw distinctions between them? He said that was the Crown's case and it gave mystical significance to the word "together". But this was a broad-brush approach which missed crucial points.

The boys were different personalities and from the interview tapes Child A had sounded assertive, challenging and argumentative. "You are dealing with two different minds ... two different thoughts and thought processes, and in this case dealing with a charge of murder. The Crown must prove that these two different minds had but the single thought and a single intention, namely killing or causing really serious harm to James Bulger."

Child B did not claim to be totally blameless. He said he did intend to cause some little harm to James but not serious harm, and he could be guilty of manslaughter. The boy had told police that he had killed James but the Crown did not suggest it meant that "I killed him and no one else had anything to do with it".

Child A had used the "imagination and guile at which he was adept" in a "persistent campaign of lies" and was "a cool, calm, collected and brazen little rogue".

He had lied all the way during interviews and treated them as a point-scoring match, challenging police to prove it and admitting something only if he was caught in the act. He was an "arguing, cocky little liar, wriggling, devious and determined to say anything but the real truth: that there was blood on him because he had kicked James, beaten him and battered him."

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Police searching the garden of Derek and Eileen Severs, below, who are missing. Their bungalow stands on a peninsula of Rutland Water



Lake trawl for couple

DETECTIVES searching for a retired ICI executive and his wife who disappeared from their home ten days ago were last night considering bringing in divers to search a reservoir.

The home of Derek Severs, 68, and his wife Eileen, 69, overlooks Rutland Water, Leicestershire. Police are concerned for the safety of the couple, last reported seen on November 13.

Officers dug up the garden and were yesterday extending their search to the whole village of Upper Hambleton. It stands on a small peninsula jutting out into the reservoir, which has a perimeter of more than 17 miles.

Police said that a man arrested on Friday was still helping with enquiries. Mr Severs worked in ICI's sales department for more than 40 years. Mrs Severs was made an MBE for her voluntary work.

Mother stabbed in front of her baby

BY IAN MURRAY

A YOUNG mother was stabbed to death in front of her 18-month-old daughter by a killer who then set fire to the body. Police said yesterday the little girl was left crying in the burning kitchen of their home.

Suffolk police are now seeking the advice of a child psychologist and members of 21-year-old Karen Hales's family before talking to the girl.

A police spokesman said: "Our first concern must be the welfare of the child, but we have to consider the possibility that she may at some stage be able to tell us something which will help us find her mother's killer."

Police believe that Miss Hales was repeatedly stabbed at her home in Ipswich as she protected her daughter, Emily. The killer then started the fire in an attempt to make the death look like an accident.

Police said Miss Hales's partner, a bus mechanic, left the house to go to work on Sunday at around 3.50pm and the killer struck less than an hour later.

The alarm was raised by Miss Hales's father, Graham Hales, who arrived at their home to find smoke pouring from the kitchen. Emily was cowering in a corner, a few feet from her mother's body.

There was no sign of forced entry and the 30 detectives on the murder hunt have so far found no trace of the murder weapon, a knife with a "fairly substantial blade".

"This is a callous and wicked murder and as yet there appears to be no motive," Det Chief Supt John Saunders, head of Suffolk CID, said. "We desperately need public help to trace this brutal killer."

Friendless life of George Heron

Man cleared of murder is 'softie'

BY EDWARD GORMAN

GEORGE Heron, who was acquitted of the murder of Nikki Allan and now lives in fear after death threats from the girl's family, is a gullible loner who has never worked or had a girl friend.

Mr Heron, 24, is at present staying in a religious retreat in the north of England while he waits for the furore over his acquittal to die down. But he has already said he may never be able to return to his native Sunderland.

A slight bespectacled figure, he shared a council flat with his brother and sister and her boy friend two floors above seven-year-old Nikki Allan. He was known in the Wear Garth area of the city as a scruffy young man who rarely washed and had few friends.

His main passion in life is science fiction. He is a devoted follower of *Dr Who* and *Star Trek* and enjoys quoting from scripts.

Mr Heron, who now describes himself as a devout Roman Catholic, had an unsettled childhood. His father died when he was nine, after which his mother married a local taxi-driver before divorcing and moving to Northern Ireland.

He left St Aidan's Comprehensive with a handful of O levels and a reputation as something of a "softie". He was never involved in violence or malicious behaviour.

A former pupil said: "Most of us regarded him as a bit of a wimp. He wouldn't stand up for himself and always avoided any sort of confrontation. He was always a rather pathetic lad who seemed incapable of harming a fly."

Sue Young, his mother, who was with him yesterday, emphasised his gullibility which may have helped convince police he was guilty. "George has always been easily manipulated. He would have jumped off Wearmouth bridge in Sunderland if they had told him to," she said.

After school Mr Heron went on to study nursing at Monkwearmouth College in Sunderland but dropped out after a short time and moved from one bedsit to another on the dole, before moving in with his sister a few months before his arrest.

One previous neighbour spoke of him as a trustworthy individual who could occasionally be quite outgoing. "George seemed like a nice lad and could be quite chatty," she said. "He was bright, into computers, and always had his head in a book. Everyone around here trusted him to look after their children."

After his arrest Mr Heron's obscure existence was turned into a waking nightmare. Attacks on his family forced his relatives to move away from Sunderland and he faced a terrifying ordeal on remand in Durham prison.

"I spent my first night in prison curled up in the corner of my cell crying," he said yesterday. "For the first few weeks the other prisoners took every opportunity they could to get at me. I was in the cell 23 hours a day, but I could still hear them shouting from their rooms. They were shouting, 'kill the beast'."

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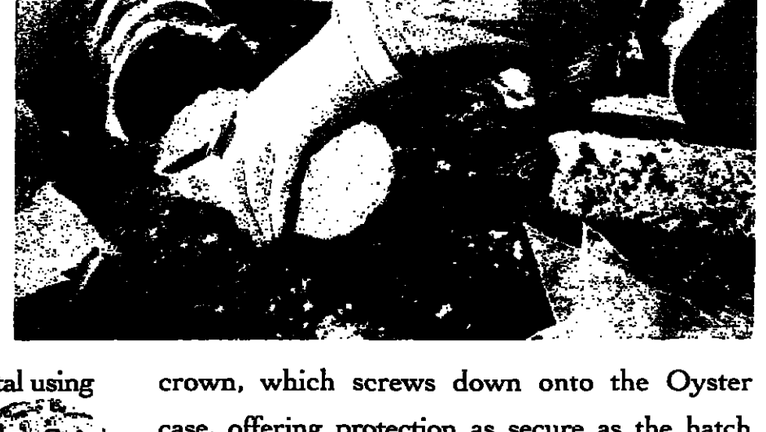
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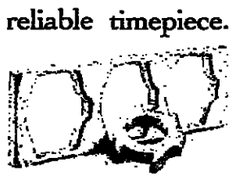
Dr. Monica Kristensen describes herself as someone "interested in problems that seem fun from a theoretical point of view."

Her research in Antarctica may, therefore, be fun. But it also seeks to answer two related questions. How does the ice shelf respond to variations in air and sea temperature? And how do changes in the Antarctic ice sheets affect global weather?

Despite being faced with this complex problem, Dr. Kristensen remains positive, even in her regard for the Antarctic landscape. "I find it exceedingly beautiful. I feel happy when I'm here – in all the cold and misery."

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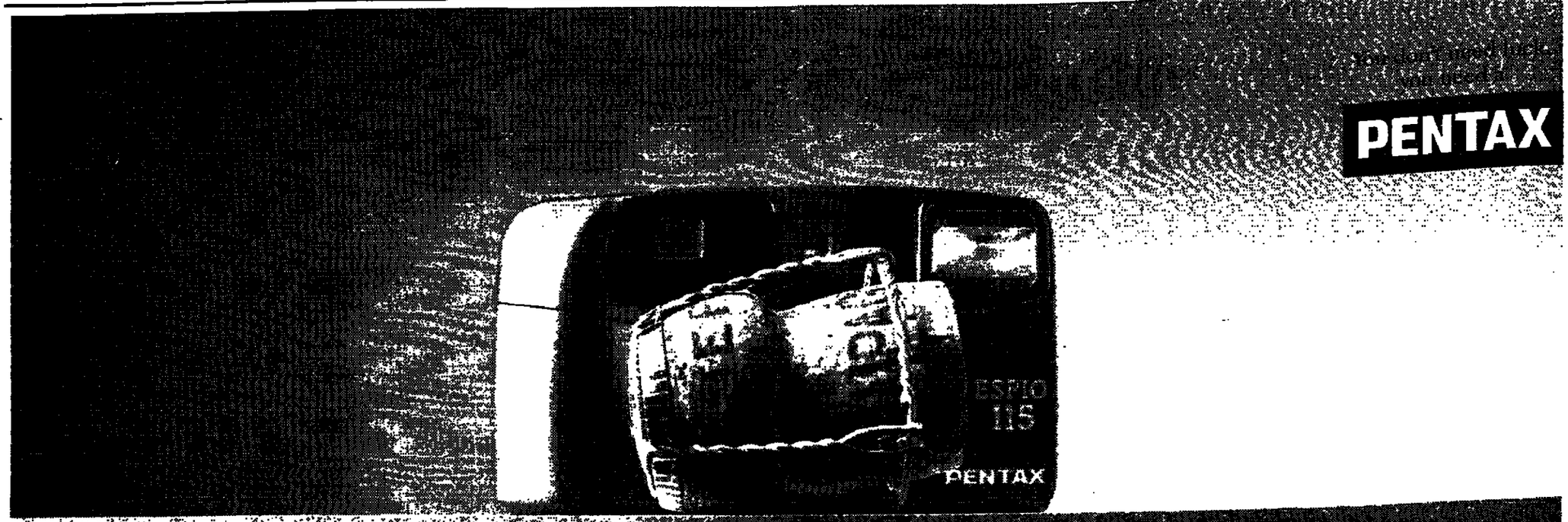
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Mother urges witness of hit-and-run to name driver

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MOTHER issued an impassioned plea yesterday to a woman who witnessed the death of her 12-year-old daughter in a hit-and-run accident to come forward and tell police who had been driving the car.

The witness was a passenger in the car, which is believed to have knocked down and killed Jemma Pykett. The woman was ordered back by the driver after trying to help the fatally injured girl.

Jemma's family and friends were last night still attempting to come to terms with the loss of the music-loving girl, whose ambition was to be a barrister. She was the victim of the hit-and-run accident in Longbridge Road, Barking, east London, as she walked through Sunday afternoon's snow to her home near by.

Witnesses have described how the woman passenger got out of the dark blue saloon, possibly a Ford or Vauxhall, but was ordered back and pulled inside by the driver of the car, which then sped off.

Jemma's mother Kathy, a local government finance officer, said yesterday: "I would ask her to make the man give himself up. Please, please come forward. You must have some compassion because you got out of the car.

"If anyone had ever asked me what I would want my daughter to be like, I would say just like Jemma. She was 5ft 6in tall, skinny as a rake and beautiful. She had the sweetest nature and a wicked sense of humour."

Some of Jemma's school friends at Barking Abbey Comprehensive were sent home yesterday because they were so upset by her death.

Mrs Pykett, 31, said that on Sunday morning she had played with Jemma in the local park. "I taught her how to make snow angels by lying down in the snow and moving your arms up and down like wings." Mrs Pykett had returned to the scene yesterday morning. "You could still see the outline of the snow angels," she said.

"She has wanted to be a barrister ever since she was old enough to know what a barrister does. She would watch programmes like *Rumpole of the Bailey*. She could have been whatever she wanted to be. She was such a trier."

Chief Inspector John Parrott, of Dagenham police, said it was just possible the couple who stopped were not from the car that hit Jemma, but in any case the man bundled the woman back into the vehicle and sped off.



Jemma: wanted to be a barrister

Boxer 'punched' his former girl friend

A BRITISH heavyweight boxing champion attacked a former girl friend in her home, a court was told yesterday.

Herbie Hide, 22, of Romford, Essex, appeared before North Walsham magistrates, Norfolk, charged with causing actual bodily harm to Deborah Edmonds in Sutton, Norfolk, on October 2, criminal damage and stealing nearly £500 worth of her clothing.

Michael Cole, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hide saw Miss Edmonds, a hotel receptionist, near her home and followed her there. When he arrived he went into her bedroom, where he saw a photograph of a man and "threw it at the wall smashing the frame".

The boxer then attacked Miss Edmonds, Mr Cole said, by punching her in the face and in the back, pulling her along the floor by her hair, hitting her on the head and kicking her. Miss Edmonds suffered severe bruising and headaches for several days. Mr Cole added that she had had a relationship with the boxer for about four years which ended in July.

The hearing was adjourned until December 20. Mr Hide, who denies the allegations, was given unconditional bail.

Post Office's greatest stamp forgeries go back on sale

■ **A Sotheby's sale next month brings together pieces of a Victorian scam that netted more than the Great Train Robbery**

BY JOHN VINCENT

STAMPS from the greatest forgery in Post Office history are to be sold by a prominent nuclear physicist who reopened investigations into the mystery half a century after enquiries were closed.

Dr Ian Ray made a ten-year study of the scam that netted Victorian fraudsters more in real terms than the Great Train Robbery. The "Stock Exchange forgery" began in 1872 when staff at the telegraph office in the building began forging the one-shilling green stamps used on telegraph forms then selling on the real ones.

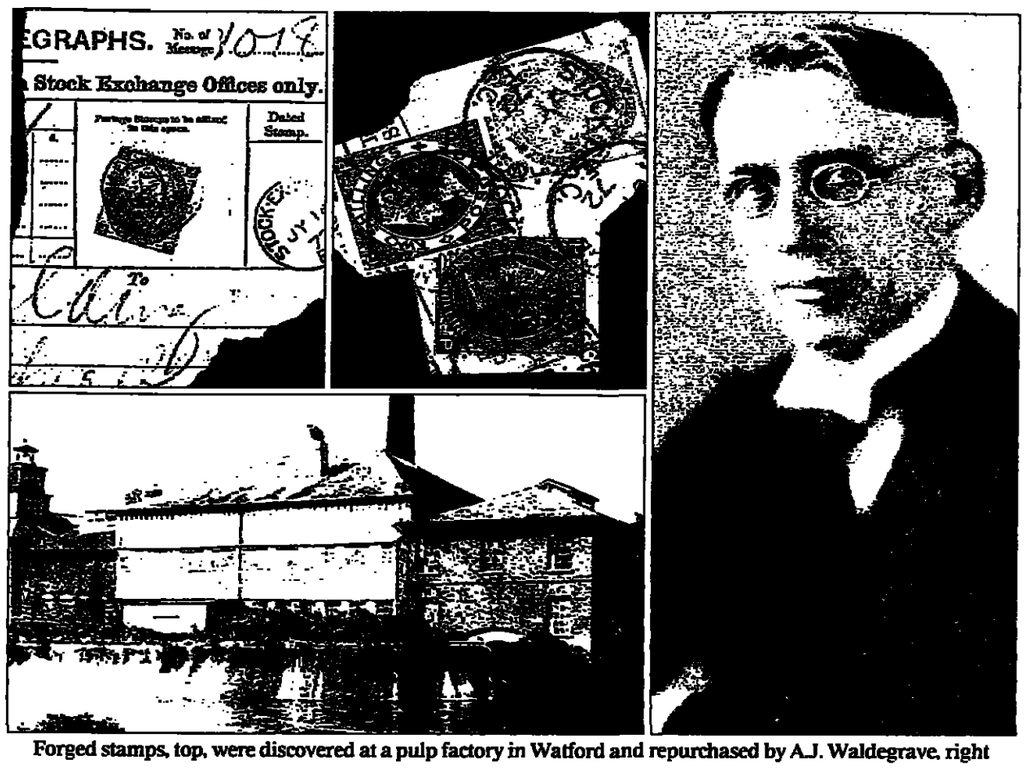
Anthony Banwell, of Sotheby's, said yesterday: "They were making £50 a day — an astonishing sum in those days. Nobody outside the office inspected them."

After the telegraph forms were used they were sent to a warehouse in Watford, London, where they were usually reduced to pulp after three months. Twenty years after the fraud, the Watford mill closed and 12 tons of telegraph forms were found.

An eagle-eyed young stamp dealer examining a bulk buy of used 1s-greens which had been illegally removed from the forms noticed some discrepancies and the fraud was uncovered. The forgeries were of a coarser design, bore no watermark and had combinations of letters at the bottom corners that were not printed on the real ones.

A.J. Waldegrave, a Post Office official, negotiated the re-purchase of the waste from the mill. The ensuing investigation lasted 18 years, but by then the scent was cold.

One stamp that Mr Waldegrave kept as a souvenir was discovered among his personal papers in 1984. He was not the only official to keep one, and a collection was pieced together by Dr Ray. It is expected to fetch between £40, 000 and £60, 000 at a Sotheby's auction on December 17.



Forged stamps, top, were discovered at a pulp factory in Watford and repurchased by A.J. Waldegrave, right

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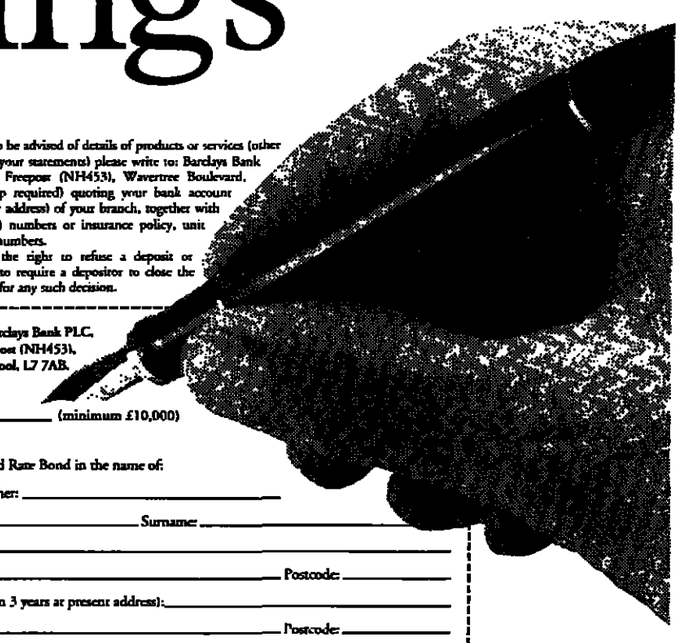
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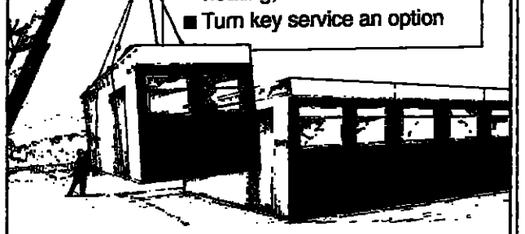
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Doctor suspended on full pay since 1982 to sue NHS

BY JEREMY LAURANCE AND ROGER DOBSON

■ A consultant paediatrician paid more than £300,000 since she was suspended 11 years ago is claiming breach of contract

A HOSPITAL consultant who was suspended on full pay in 1982 and has received £300,000 since then is taking legal action against the NHS. Bridget O'Connell is seeking leave to sue the North East Thames regional health authority for breach of contract.

Her suspension, believed to be the longest on record, is estimated to have cost the health service more than £500,000, including her salary, pension, legal fees and the cost of hiring locums during her absence.

Dr O'Connell, a consultant paediatrician who is paid £50,000 a year to stay at home, was suspended from her post at the King George hospital, Ilford, northeast London, in November 1982. She was told she was being suspended for professional misconduct based on her "inability to relate effectively to her clinical colleagues" after she had protested about the care of the newborn.

"I was concerned at the low standards and made my feelings known, but there have never been any formal charges," said Dr O'Connell, from Blackheath, south London.

"I am suspended on full pay, but I have now decided to take legal action for breach of contract. We have had an initial hearing and my lawyers are awaiting a new date to be fixed. The cost of my suspension has been enormous and is mounting by the day."

The health authority, which yesterday confirmed that Dr O'Connell had begun legal action, has never held a formal disciplinary enquiry into her case. A spokesman said it had presented exceptional difficulties that had defied all efforts to find a solution.

At one stage the authority tried to persuade Dr O'Connell, 59, to accept early retirement, but she refused. It is understood that the situation reached deadlock because of "unanimous opposition" to her returning by consultants at the hospital.

Dr O'Connell is one of 83 senior doctors whose suspension during the past ten years has been monitored by the Society of Clinical Psychiatrists. They say that two of the doctors have killed themselves, three others have attempted suicide and four have died of stress-related illnesses. They claim that the suspension was found to be justified in only one in five cases, and among women doctors in only one in ten cases.

Dr Peter Tomlin, secretary of the society, said: "We found that some health authorities were trigger happy and reckless with their suspensions, oblivious to the harm they cause. Some health authorities are worse than others — 10 per cent of the suspensions we looked at were in two adjacent health areas in the Midlands."

Disciplinary procedures for doctors are being reviewed by a working party of the health department, the royal medical colleges and the British Medical Association. The BMA said health authorities were abusing the suspensions procedure, which is intended to be a short-term measure to allow an enquiry to get under way.

Dr Tomlin said: "The health department says there are recommendations on the length of time these cases should take, but what happens is that the timing does not start until the point when doctors are formally charged. In practice very few are formally charged and the cases drag on, as with that of Dr O'Connell, and are very expensive [illegible]

Divorced cleric vows he will not pay up

A CLERGYMAN who refuses to accept his former wife's divorce settlement was yesterday ordered to leave his £100,000 home.

Dennis Mickelson, a Baptist minister, was given 14 days to hand over the house to his former wife's solicitors so that it can be sold. A judge in chambers also ordered him to pay his wife £20,000 immediately towards the £100,000 settlement awarded by the divorce court.

Mr Mickelson, 69, a father of four, said after his 30-minute appearance before Judge Bazley White at Ipswich County Court that he would not pay a peny. "I know I can be turned out of my home and put in prison if I don't pay up. But I have to make a stand. Nothing on earth can change what is in my heart and my conscience. They will have to carry me away.

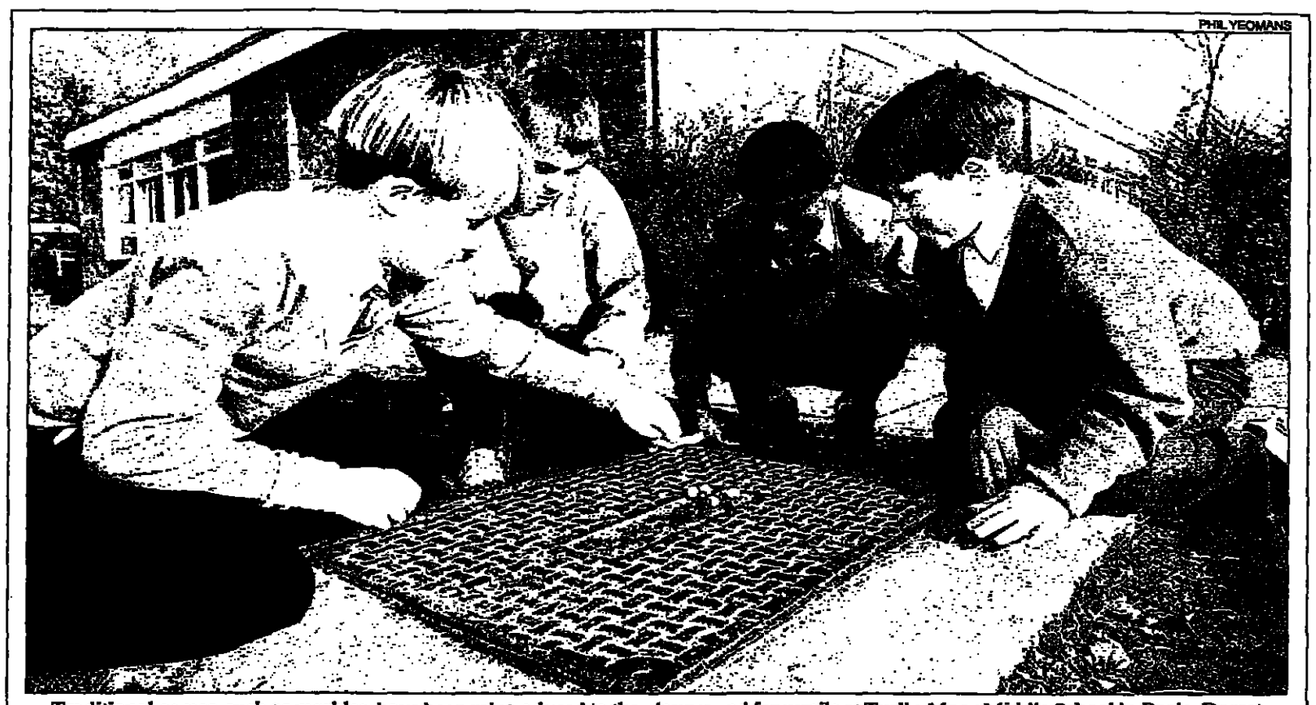
"My wife walked out on our marriage — not after five minutes but after 41 years — and went to live with another man. There is no way I will willingly surrender everything I have worked for so she can live in comfort.

"The divorce law that allows a woman to walk out of a marriage and then claim the proceeds of that marriage is unjust and needs to be changed."

Mr Mickelson, who suffers from leukaemia and is awaiting a heart operation, said he would not resist if bailiffs came to evict him.

His former wife Audrey, 67, who left him three years ago to set up home with their former gardener, said: "He is a stubborn old man who made demands and was possessive throughout the years of our marriage.

"I stuck it out while the children were growing up but then I could face it no longer."



PHIL YEOMANS

Traditional games, such as marbles, have been reintroduced to the playground for pupils at Turlin Moor Middle School in Poole, Dorset

Pupils find their marbles in playground revival

BY JOHN YOUNG

BACK to basics being the current rallying cry, a school in Dorset is following the prime minister's lead by reintroducing children to the playground games enjoyed by their parents and grandparents.

Raised on computer games, children today are, it appears, unable to devise activities to fill a 45-minute break. Instead they stand around getting bored and cold, and wondering how they are supposed to cope without a Sega or a Nintendo to amuse them.

By way of stimulation the staff at Turlin Moor Middle School, in Poole, Dorset, are distributing skipping ropes to their charges and explaining the rules of hopscotch, conkers, jacks and marbles. Alternatively, their pupils may be initiated into the arcane secrets of tag, hide-and-seek and stick-in-the-mud.

Peter Cotton, the school's head teacher, indicated yesterday that he did not want to overplay the playground revolution. "What we are doing is to introduce a series of games which will provide children with opportunities to do something other than kick a football around," he said.

A survey had shown that most pupils wanted more organised games, he said. They had asked for the hopscotch squares in the playground to be restored and for an area to be designated for playing marbles. An official from the county council's education department is due to visit the school next month to advise on how dinner ladies could be trained to teach games during breaks.

The school would also be making use of a book, *Children's Playground Games and Rhymes*, published some years ago by the Oxford University Press, which Mr Cotton described as a classic.

Earlier this year Alan Younger, headmaster of Dalbeattie High School, in Dumfries and Galloway, revived a number of Caledonian games such as girds and cleek (a game played with a hoop), hoops and peeries (whips and tops), and peevers (a form of hopscotch). "I feared these games would seem archaic, but not a bit of it," he said.

Last July, Grange Primary School in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, decided to train 15 dinner ladies to teach children games that they would once have learned from older pupils.

Elizabeth Sutz, who spent three years observing children in Norfolk schools, said recently that after the age of eight children stopped playing in the traditional sense of the word, opting instead for video games and watching television. Their physical and emotional development was suffering from the absence of the socialising effect of games and the chance to develop their imaginations.

Woman who stole blind man's dog walks free

A WOMAN who stole a blind man's guide dog as he collected money for charity walked free from court yesterday after a magistrate heard of her struggle against drug addiction.

Toni Stroud, 29, untied the labrador at Waterloo station, south London, after telling its partially-sighted owner, Eric Fowell, how much she wanted a pet.

Stroud, of Rotherhithe, southeast London, pleaded guilty last month to the theft on September 7. Yesterday she was given a 12 months conditional discharge at Horseferry Road magistrates' court.

Nazir Afzal, for the prosecution, said: "Mr Fowell, together with other blind and partially sighted people, was collecting for the blind charity National Talking Express. He had his dog Pearl tied to a billboard near by.

"Miss Stroud goes up to him and starts talking to him, saying she wanted a dog as a pet. She steals away, comes back about ten minutes later. She unties the dog and it appears she leads away the dog across the concourse of Waterloo station. She is immediately noticed and a British Rail employee chases her.

"Miss Stroud was in such an unwell state she couldn't even be interviewed by police. She was so unwell, it seemed the dog was leading her across the concourse. She has convictions for prostitution. The last was five years ago."

Mr Afzal said the dog was returned by Stroud's boy friend, Steven Winter, 23.

Simon Cheetham, for Stroud, said she was taking methadone in an attempt to break her heroin addiction and was suffering a debilitating degenerative illness. "She has osteomyelitis, an arthritic degenerative disorder for which she has had a number of operations. She has also suffered stress as a result of her two-year-old child, which is being fostered. She has also suffered stress from the fact she had another child which died two years ago."

The magistrate, Peta Gee, said: "On the face of it, this is a very mean crime. If a yob runs up and grabs the dog it's one thing, but you have this awful, depressing background and this painful degenerative illness. You weren't really acting on all four cylinders.

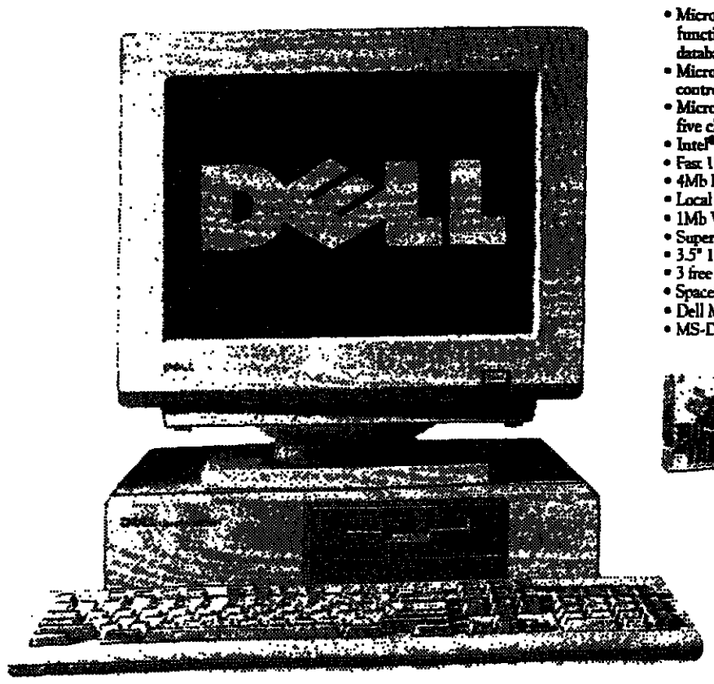
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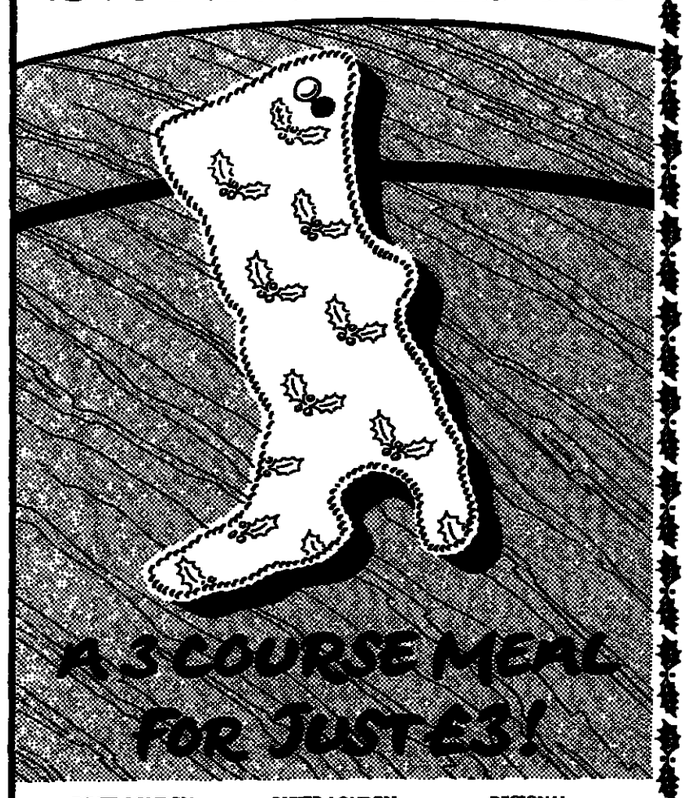
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Simplified school tests pose boycott question for unions

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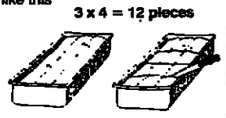
How many should they put back?

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LEVEL 3

The teacher cuts a honey cake like this

3 x 4 = 12 pieces



How many pieces would you have if you cut into:

4 x 5 = ☐ 8 x 2 = ☐

4 x 4 = ☐ 3 x 3 = ☐

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

■ The curriculum authority claims its streamlined tests for seven-year-olds will cut teachers' administration time by half

THE government's new schools quango yesterday published streamlined tests for seven-year-olds which ministers hope will persuade teachers to call off their assessment boycott.

The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which is responsible for the new tests, claims they can be administered in half the time required for this summer's tests. Science tests are dropped — teachers willassess their pupils' progress — as are the time consuming tests of reading for the ablest pupils.

Children now face compulsory assessment only in English (or Welsh), mathematics and science. There will be a single test in mathematics, rather than separate papers for each of the four levels pupils can achieve, and alternative tests for slower and more advanced readers.

Technology, geography and history will not be assessed nationally, but teachers will still be required to report children's progress to their parents.

Chris Woodhead, SCAA chief executive, said the tests had been streamlined to concentrate on key elements of each subject in a rigorous and challenging way. "We want to work with teachers in improving the tests yet further. We have focused on those skills that really need testing. If children don't master these skills, then all their future development is built on sand."

The publication of new assessment packs comes hard on the heels of the National Union of Teachers' vote, by 20-1, to continue its tests boycott. The union said last week that previous commitments to slim down the curriculum and its tests had not satisified NUT members.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, said that parents would find it impossible to understand the union's decision in view of the changes already agreed.

Teachers' unions were guarded in their response to the latest package. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said his members remained opposed to national testing for seven-year-olds, although the changes appeared to have reduced the time the tests would take.

Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, which dominates primary schools, said: "Our members are used to inaccurate estimates of the time needed to carry out tests. Teachers will want to look at the material and make their own judgments."

Peter Smith, the general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said: "These changes represent a sensible simplification. Even so, there is still a real danger of an excessively mechanistic approach. What we have to be careful about is that the tests do not become an annual academic sheepdog trial."

Eamonn O'Kane, the deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, which led last year's boycott, described the changes as a step in the right direction.

Students aim for dizzy heights in an old power station

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Joanne Robley-Dixon, top, and Juliette Hardy, dangle from The Circus Space roof in east London

Circus school has high expectations

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

CIRCUS runaways will soon be able to hone their art at a new national school for jugglers, clowns and high-wire walkers.

A Victorian power station in Shoreditch, derelict for 40 years, is to be turned into The Circus Space, part of a project to create a Bohemian cultural quarter in London's East End.

The new school aims to fulfil dreams as well as provide training for existing performers. Members of the public will be invited to don the grease paint after work and learn to tumble with the professionals.

Lion-taming, however, is one of the few disciplines not on the curriculum for Walter Mitty fantasists.

Demolition work began yesterday while trapeze artists swung about under the rafters. Phase one of renovation will include gutting the power station's generator chamber and refitting it as studio space. In 18 months' time work will begin on the lofty incinerator room, which will become the largest covered aerial training space in Europe.

Russell Gilderson, chairman of The Circus Space board, said the art of big top performing was not taken seriously in Britain, where the modern circus was invented in the 18th century. The new project is aimed at improving the circus's image.

"There is a clear gap between community arts and toffee-nosed arts with the latter given far more time and support," Mr Gilderson said. France, in comparison, where unicycling, whip cracking and acrobatics are art forms, there are about 80 circus training schools.

The renovation is part of a wider cultural regeneration project in east London. Richard Simmons, chief executive of the Dalston City Partnership, which has put up £500,000 for the circus school's first phase, said that the East End borough of Hackney houses more artists than in any other in the country.

"There are many small arts and crafts companies working here. We want to create a network of facilities for them in order to boost the economic benefits they provide for the area," Mr Simmons said.

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Transvestite shop angers men of cloth

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TUB-THUMPING Ulster priests who normally rail against their religious opponents have turned their attention to Northern Ireland's first transvestite shop, which has just opened in Belfast.

Parishioners have formed picket lines outside the shop, called Transformation, to scare away Belfast's small community of transvestites, who come to buy female apparel. The Rev David McIlveen, a Presbyterian minister who has organised the protests, said: "It's an abomination in the sight of God."

His sentiments were echoed across the border yesterday by Brendan McGahon, a Fianna Fail MP, who was horrified that the Transformation chain will soon open a branch in Dublin. "That kind of shop belongs in Soho and Amsterdam and not in a normal society. Unfortunately society has gone crazy in its acceptance of that kind of thing," he said.

Stephanie Ann Lloyd, who owns five Transformation shops across Britain, defended her store yesterday. "We always come across intolerant vocal minorities," she said. "They just find it difficult to understand people who are not like them." She estimated there were 50,000 transvestites in Ireland.

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Search for a 'magic bullet' to halt the disease is a waste of money and lives, say doctors

Fight against cancer being lost as funds aim at wrong target

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CANCER sufferers are dying needlessly because the billions of pounds spent on treatment and research are wrongly targeted, specialists say.

Most of the funding of more than £300 million a year is being spent on developing new drugs and basic research into the mechanism of the disease. Yet experts say that has achieved little compared with the huge potential gains from screening and prevention and from raised standards of care in the poorest hospitals.

Nicholas Day, professor of public health at Cambridge University, said: "A large proportion of the money available for cancer research has been spent on treatment trials and they have not been all that effective. During the past 20 to 30 years, and in the next, the big steps forward are likely to be in prevention."

Despite some spectacular successes against rarer cancers and those affecting children, the war against cancer is being lost. In Britain, deaths from cancer rose from 217 per 100,000 population in 1959 to 233 per 100,000 in 1989.

International comparisons show Britain performs poorly in cancer treatment. Survival rates for breast, bowel, prostate and cervical cancer are "significantly worse" in the UK than in France, Germany, Norway or the US, according to Karol Sikora, professor of clinical oncology at Hammersmith hospital, London.

"We are consistently at the bottom of the table, which suggests the pattern of care here is not as good as in these other countries. If we want to improve the results of treatment, probably the best thing we can do is iron out these variations and make sure the care provided for all patients is brought up to the standard of the best."

Progress against the main types — lung, breast and bowel cancer which are the major killers, causing 80,000 deaths a year — has been disappointing. Most of the gains have been achieved by lifestyle changes, such as the fall in the number of people smoking. Even among the minor cancers, progress in finding new treatments has ground to a halt during the past decade.

Medical groups compare cancer research to the attitude of the first world war general who declared: "Casualties: huge. Ground gained: negligible. Conclusion: press on."

Evidence shows that individual and national lifestyles have the biggest influence on cancer rates. In the United States, stomach cancer deaths have fallen 85 per cent since the 1930s as diets have improved to include more fresh food and less food preserved in salt. Simultaneously there has been an explosion in lung cancer deaths caused by the growth of smoking.

> 'It is silly to be looking for the magic bullet when patients aren't getting the basics of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. We need to make sure everyone has access to treatments we know about'

Gains from treatment appear insignificant beside those changes. In breast cancer, latest results show that the new drug tamoxifen is improving survival in post-menopausal women in the early stages of disease by 11 per cent. In the past 40 years death rates have risen by more than a third in women over 45. Britain has the highest death rate in the world from breast cancer.

Advancement in the treatment for breast cancer is likely to improve five-year survival from 60 to 65 per cent, yet by detecting tumours earlier with screening, survival rates could improve from 60 to 90 per cent, Professor Day said. However, screening is less likley to be effective in women under 55.

Richard Peto, professor of epidemiology at Oxford University, said that basic research into the mechanisms of cancer, which has absorbed a large share of the available money during the past decade, was proving "extraordinarily fruitful" in unravelling the machinery of the disease. "But it has not yet yielded new treatments and we don't know whether it will," he said.

Dr Trevor Hince, deputy medical director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said important advances were just over the horizon. "Changing people's behaviour is difficult. Our basic research into the disease is at a stage where it is ripe for exploitation and it will have an impact on treatment within the next decade."

The scope for advance from new treatments will be limited, however, by wide variations in standards of care. Evidence shows that patients treated in one of the 54 specialist cancer centres in Britain do better than those treated elsewhere and even within regions there are differences in success rates between neighbouring hospitals.

Dr Jill Bullimore, dean of clinical oncology at the Royal College of Radiologists, said: "It's silly to be looking for the magic bullet when patients aren't getting the basics of the radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatments we have now. We don't necessarily need new treatments, we need to make sure that everyone has access to the treatments we know about already."

The health department has set up an expert group, including Dr Bullimore, chaired by Dr Kenneth Calman, the chief medical officer, to examine reasons for the variation and ways of remedying it.

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Doctors claim early screening for cancer, such as this examination of a cervical smear, would bring huge gains

Big breakthrough eludes scientists

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

PROGRESS in treating cancer has shown signs of stalling in the past decade.

In the current issue of *Update*, a journal for GPs, three cancer specialists say that the 1970s and early 1980s saw remarkable improvements in treating some cancers (leukaemias, lymphomas, testicular cancer and the cancers of childhood) but over the past ten years "the situation has not improved further".

Reviewing past experience and future prospects, Dr Paul Lorigan, Dr Martin Robinson and Professor Barry Hancock, all from Western Park Hospital in Sheffield, say: "We have had progress, but it's been improvements at the edges rather than major breakthroughs. We have learnt how to make the best use of the drugs we have and improve the quality of care. To make big new advances we will need new drugs."

Cancer drugs are designed to kill. Their effectiveness depends on how sensitive the tumour is to their toxic properties. "Testicular cancers, lymphomas and childhood cancers just seem to be more sensitive than others," Dr Robinson says. "That's why cure rates have improved."

A survey in Scotland has shown that in 1968-90, five-year survival rates for childhood cancers rose from 35 to 65 per cent, and for testicular cancer from 64 to 89 per cent. Cancers of the lung and pancreas, which are mostly detected late, showed no comparable improvements.

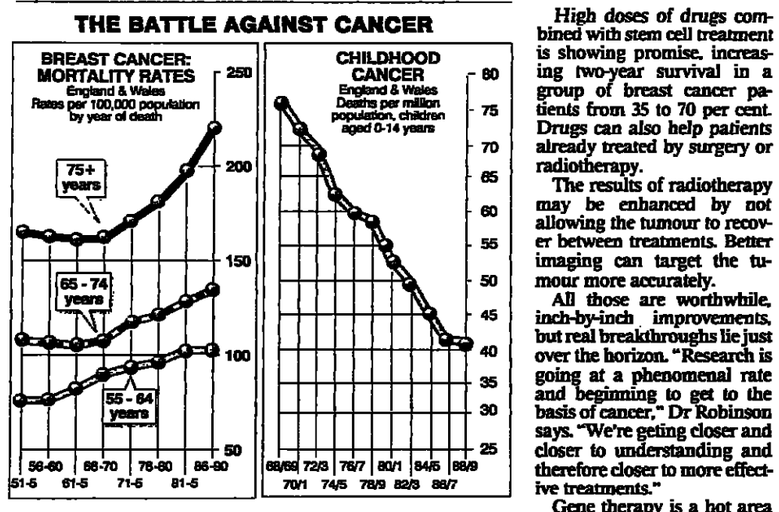
For recalcitrant cancers, stronger doses of drugs can be used, but that tends to kill healthy cells as well. Removing bone marrow before the treatment, then replacing it afterwards, can help. A newer technique involves infusing blood stem cells, which is easier than a bone marrow graft and has similar effects.

High doses of drugs combined with stem cell treatment is showing promise, increasing two-year survival in a group of breast cancer patients from 35 to 70 per cent. Drugs can also help patients already treated by surgery or radiotherapy.

The results of radiotherapy may be enhanced by not allowing the tumour to recover between treatments. Better imaging can target the tumour more accurately.

All those are worthwhile, inch-by-inch improvements, but real breakthroughs lie just over the horizon. "Research is going at a phenomenal rate and beginning to get to the basis of cancer," Dr Robinson says. "We're geting closer and closer to understanding and therefore closer to more effective treatments."

Gene therapy is a hot area for research. Understanding the role of genes in tumours should make it possible to boost the effects of anti-cancer genes. Tailor-made antibodies that home in on cancer cells will be used as vehicles for carrying drugs right to the point where they can attack the tumour.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Police keep crowd at bay in court

Police had to protect two men charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a seven-year-old boy from an angry crowd when they appeared in court yesterday.

A dozen policemen surrounded the dock at South Shields magistrates' court, Tyne and Wear, as Keith Robinson, 26, of Gateshead, and a 17-year-old youth were remanded in custody.

The boy, Scott Young, was knocked down and critically injured on a school crossing last week by a car allegedly stolen by the two accused. He is now said to be stable.

Jail date

A wedding invitation found at the scene of a brutal sex attack on a 15-year-old girl led to a four-year jail sentence for Delano Chevolleau, 22, of Bridlington, Humberside, at Hull Crown Court.

Shop shooting

Greater Manchester police are hunting two raiders who shot a 36-year-old shopkeeper in the head, leaving him critically injured, when he pressed the panic alarm at his Openshaw off licence.

Boy's award

Alexander Jewers, eight, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, was awarded £875,000 compensation in the High Court for a blunder at birth at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, which left him with severe brain damage.

Murder charge

Adam Tadd, 30, of Woking, Surrey, was remanded in custody by magistrates in the town charged with murdering his wife Jeanette, 21, who died from multiple stab wounds on Saturday night.

Nag nappies

Hastings Council, East Sussex, is planning to make horses drawing carriages along the sea front wear a form of nappy after cafe owners complained about the mess.



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Support floods in for childminder who refuses to get rid of 'racist toy'

Council seeks compromise over golliwog

BY ANDREW PIERCE

SUPPORT is growing for the childminder who faces another confrontation with social services this week over her refusal to give up a golliwog.

Letters have been pouring in to Deena Newton's home in Thamesmead, southeast London, from parents and childminders all over the country who back her stand against Greenwich council.

The Labour-controlled local authority has refused to issue a registration certificate to Mrs Newton because one of its inspectors, Lorrie Lane, a Rastafarian, is offended by the "racist toy". Mrs Newton has compounded the sin, in the eyes of the inspector, by reading *Noddy* stories to the two children she cares for.

The council is planning another meeting this week with Mrs Newton, 50, a childminder for 25 years, to try to resolve their differences. "We want a compromise," a council spokesman said yesterday. "We need one before we can issue the registration certificate. We had a cooling-off period. The situation had got out of hand. Now we want to come to an agreement."

Mrs Newton, buoyed by support from parents of the two children she cares for, including one who is mixed race, said: "I did not need time to cool off or think about it. I have had the golly for years and it is not going anywhere. It is antique and part of my toy collection. The children don't even play with it.

"As for *Noddy*, they might think he is racist but I am not throwing out the books. I will keep reading them to the children. They have got the attitude problem, not me."

Mr Lane who carried out the inspection reported to his superior, June Martin, who also visited Mrs Newton. She said she too was offended by the toy and confirmed that registration would be witheld.

Mrs Martin left Mrs Newton and her husband, Paul, a booklet by the Working Group Against Racism in Children's Resources, which says the "golliwog" has no place in society. It also stipulates that children's toys such as jigsaws that depict white middle-class scenes are not acceptable.

The council says the matter had been sensationalised. A spokeswoman said: "Mrs Newton is a good and caring childminder, but it remains our opinion that golliwogs can cause offence."

Mrs Newton, who has three grown children and has cared for Chinese, Colombian, Indian and African children, is prepared to work without money to care for the two children. If they refuse to register me I will not have any choice. Both myself and their parents want me to stay with the youngsters until they are school age. When I look at my golly I think Greenwich, where I have lived for 18 years, has gone quite mad."



Deena Newton with the antique golliwog, which inspectors say is racist, offensive and has no place in society

Tumim criticises Liverpool jail regime

RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

DRUGS were smuggled into Liverpool jail inside tennis balls thrown over the perimeter wall, Judge Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons, says in a report published today.

Judge Tumim criticises severe overcrowding in the prison which has prevented improvements to the inmates' regime and meant prisoners spending up to 20 hours locked in their cells. The health care centre at Liverpool jail was unfit for patients, with an operating theatre that was structurally unsafe.

The jail was designed to hold 677 inmates, but on the first day of Judge Tumim's inspection there were 1,237 prisoners with 77 per cent held two to a cell. At weekends both unconvicted and convicted inmates spent most of their time locked up and on weekdays unconvicted inmates spent more than 20 hours a day locked in their cells.

"Liverpool was a large severely overcrowded local prison. It had played a vital part in alleviating the expensive problem of prisoners being held in police cells," Judge Tumim said. "The pressure to ensure that prisoners are not held in police cells, together with high crime in the North West, had prevented the establishment from reducing overcrowding."

He said while putting more prisoners in Liverpool jail had benefited the overall management of the prison system, the overcrowding had inhibited the development plans to improve the regime at the jail. However, Judge Tumim praises staff for operating a well managed jail and for having a positive approach to their work.

Disease ravages Galway oysters

THE oysters that made Galway Bay famous, earning the Irish county £3 million a year, are in danger of being wiped out by an incurable disease.

Co Galway oystermen expect to harvest hundreds of thousands of oysters from mid-November to the end of December, but at the end of their first day boatmen had 40 oysters between them, instead of the normal thousand for each of a dozen boats.

Oyster beds at Clarenbridge, the village that hosts an annual oyster festival, have almost been eliminated and other areas are at risk. The threat comes from bonamia, a wasting disease, which poses no threat to people eating oysters but is fatal to the shellfish.

Environmentalists say bonamia is one of the worst ecological disasters to strike Ireland this century. There is no known cure and marine scientists have found that its effects could take between 50 and 100 years to clear.

Michael Kennedy, manager of Ireland's Western Region Fisheries Board, said: "Something like 90 per cent of the shells are coming up empty. It is very, very serious."

Bonamia spread to Europe from California, destroying millions of oysters in France, and reached the British Isles a decade ago. In Britain, it was first located in the West Country and spread to the south and east coasts.

Len Hodges, 70, who runs the Duchy of Cornwall farm, near Falmouth, said that before the disease arrived in 1983 he had a staff of 18, but had since had to lay off all but three. To survive, many farmers have begun breeding the Pacific oyster, which is unaffected by the disease.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

FIDE champion Anatoly Karpov is rapidly emerging as the firm favourite for the £40,000 prize in the giant knockout tournament at Tilburg in The Netherlands. Not only has Karpov qualified smoothly from each stage of the competition to reach the last 16, he has produced games of great elegance and power. A superb example was this masterpiece of strangulation against the Russian player Vyzmanavin, which enabled Karpov to qualify for the last 16.

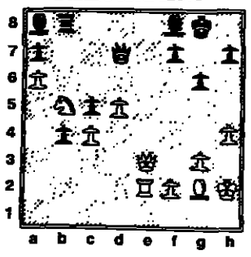
Those grandmasters who have qualified for the final 16 also include Alexander Beliavsky (Ukraine), Gata Kamsky (USA), Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), Artur Yusupov (Russia) and Alexei Shirov (Latvia). The virtually unknown Russian 16-year-old Alexander Morozevich, who eliminated Britain's Michael Adams, faces Bulgaria's Kiril Georgiev today.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Vyzmanavin
Tilburg, Round 3

Queen's Indian Defence

1 d4	Nf6
2 c4	e6
3 Nf3	b6
4 g3	Ba6
5 b3	Bb4+
6 Bd2	Be7
7 Bg2	c6
8 Bc3	d5
9 Ne5	Ne4
10 0-0	Nxc3
11 Nxc3	0-0
12 e4	dxc4
13 Nxc4	b5
14 Ne3	Nd7
15 Qc2	Rc8
16 Rfd1	Qb6
17 a3	c5
18 d5	Ne5
19 a4	b4
20 Nb5	Bb7
21 Nc4	Nxc4
22 bxc4	exd5
23 exd5	Bf6
24 a5	Qd8
25 a6	Ba8
26 Ra2	Qd7
27 h4	g6
28 Qd3	Rfe8
29 Kh2	Be5
30 Re2	Bg7
31 Rde1	Rxe2
32 Rxe2	Rb8
33 Qe3	Bf8

Diagram after Black's 33rd move



34 Qe5	Rxb5
35 cxb5	Qxb5
36 Qe8	Qxa6
37 Re7	Qf6
38 Rxa7	Bxd5
39 Bxd5	Qxf2+
40 Bg2	c4
41 Ra8	Qc5
42 Rc8	Qd6
43 Bc5	Black resigns

Readers' queries

I have been swamped with letters and queries from *Times* readers. I will endeavour to answer queries of a general nature both in this column and in *The Times Magazine*. Readers, however, who require an individual response are kindly requested to show patience, while I work through the mail mountain.



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Ministers risk ridicule with plan to privatise the dole

With the Budget little more than a week away, Times writers examine key government proposals for the welfare state. Today: unemployment benefit

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY
ECONOMICS EDITOR

IF THE government is seriously thinking about making its Budget cuts for the long-term jobless a springboard for privatising unemployment insurance, it should think again, preferably before it publishes any of its proposals.

This is not so much because privatising social security is a politically explosive issue — cutting child benefits and urging people to opt out of the basic state pension, two options which undoubtedly do belong on a Tory government's agenda, would be even more controversial. The main reason for steering clear of the unemployment benefit system is that any minister who proposes privatisation will find himself universally ridiculed and finally blocked by the Treasury itself.

For unemployment benefits, in sharp contrast to pensions, are totally unsuitable for privatisation, at least as long as the government plans to maintain any semblance of a welfare safety net. This is because of two characteristics of unemployment which some of the naïve proponents of privatisation seem not to have understood.

First, unemployment is an unexpected contingency, unlike retirement, which should be planned for years in advance. This means that unemployment needs to be covered by a genuine insurance system. By contrast, the portion of the national insurance contribution which pays for a state pension is not an insurance payment at all but a form of long-term savings — and there is certainly an argument that such saving should be organised through the private sector, rather than the state.

Secondly, however, unemployment differs from many other contingencies, such as death and accidents, which can be covered perfectly well by private insurance. One big difference is that it is subject to what insurers call a very high "catastrophe" risk.

Instead of being spread randomly through time, the risk of unemployment is much greater in a recession. When a recession occurs, millions of workers lose their jobs at the same time, while premiums from the employed decline sharply. If this kind of risk had to be covered by private insurance, either the costs would be enormous, or the disasters at Lloyd's over asbestos claims would look like small change.

A second important problem is that workers can significantly affect their chances of becoming unemployed through their choice of careers. Thus, a self-employed consultant or a casual worker faces a much bigger risk of unemployment than a civil servant or full-time employee of a large multinational firm. A private insurance system would reflect this by charging far higher premiums for the workers at greater risk. The effect would be to introduce a very large new obstacle to labour flexibility and risk-taking, effectively raising the cost of employing casual and part-time staff.

The final problem is that the people most likely to opt out of a state unemployment scheme would be the ones who could get cheap insurance because they had stable, secure jobs. But presumably the state would have to continue financing a safety net for people who had either failed to buy unemployment insurance or were deemed uninsurable by the private sector because of their poor job prospects (say in the coal industry) or their patchy employment records.

Because these would be the very people most likely to become unemployed, the Treasury would end up paying almost as much as it does today in benefits, but would lose most of the premiums it currently receives from workers in secure jobs.

Back to the drawing board.

Jobless fall opens door for savings on benefits

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

REDUCING the time people can claim unemployment benefit from one year to six months has now emerged as one of the front runners for next week's Budget.

Although the idea has been raised and dropped in previous years because it was too controversial, some ministers argue that the measure would now win support — as unemployment is falling — both in the Commons and from the public. They point out that people who have big redundancy handouts and substantial savings are now eligible for state payments for a year after they lose their job, while others in low-paid work are less well off. The move would also shave about £500 million a year off the dole bill, which now costs taxpayers £1.8 billion a year.



The counter argument is that most people who lose their jobs have been paying national insurance contributions on the basis that they will get a year's protection if made redundant.

At present about 1.6 million of the 2.8 million unemployed have been out of work for more than six months, while 1.1 million have been jobless for more than a year.

Under the present rules the 715,000 on unemployment benefit get at least £44 a week (£72.20 if married) irrespective of their income, redundancy payments or savings before being moved on to the means-tested income support after 12 months. Anyone on unemployment benefit can apply for the means-tested housing benefit, if their savings are below £16,000, or council tax relief.

After a year the jobless can go on to income support — £44 a week for a single adult and £69 for a couple — provided that their income is negligible and their savings are below £8,000. Redundancy payments are counted as income if they are in lieu of notice, holiday or compensation payment. Otherwise any handouts are counted as capital. Income support recipients lose part of their entitlement proportionally if they have savings of £3,000 or more.

Last year the same proposition, to reduce entitlement to six months, was dropped because unemployment figures were rising and the measure risked sparking off a Tory rebellion. Now senior party sources are convinced that MPs and Tory supporters will support a measure which fits in with widespread concern about the need to trim the £80 billion social security budget. In addition many support Peter Lilley's argument that benefits should be targeted more effectively.

Mr Lilley, the social security secretary, points out that people who are comparatively wealthy should not have to rely on state payments if they suddenly lose their jobs. He has already reduced state help for mortgage interest payments for those on income support and is said to be exploring further measures to encourage people to take out private insurance against unemployment.

The interim report of Michael Portillo's long-term review reveals that officials have now been instructed to draw up a voluntary scheme to make private provision for unemployment. This will initially be aimed at "good risk employees", who have a long record of continuous employment, and could be linked with insurance for mortgage repayments.

Mr Lilley has already moved to stop state support for the jobless who have big mortgages. From next April help with interest payments will only be given to those with mortgages up to £125,000.

Tomorrow: child benefit

Peter Brookes, page 18



JOHN ANGERSON

Hermione Green looking for work at the Bradford JobCentre. Government proposals would add extra urgency to the job search

Putting mothers to work

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GREATER provision of child care by the government would save the Exchequer money by enabling mothers to return to work and become taxpayers, according to a new study.

The report covers only married mothers and suggests that, if lone parents were to be included, the savings would be even more considerable because the benefits bill would be cut. Estimates suggest that 200,000 single mothers could be brought back into the jobs market and off benefit. The study, published by the influential National Institute of Economic and Social Research, concludes that fully subsidised day care for pre-school children, either using day nurseries or child minders, would more than pay for itself.

The amounts saved depend on the extent of child care and how many mothers would take up the opportunity of renewed employment. The report's authors, Hugh Davies of Birkbeck College and Heather Joshi of the City University in London, reckon that, subsidising child care 100 per cent, the government would make an immediate saving of a few hundred pounds in the first few years, rising to a "revenue flowback" of around £1,000 a year before tailing off again.

The paucity of child care in Britain means that a far lower proportion of married women work. In Denmark, 74 per cent of mothers with children under three were working; in France the proportion was 50 per cent; but in Britain it was 33 per cent. A British Social Attitudes survey last year reported that two-thirds of women with a child under 12 would work if suitable child care were available.

The authors conclude not only that the Exchequer would make immediate savings but also that family income — and therefore the economy — would be boosted.

Education and police bills set to prompt rebellion

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

GOVERNMENT whips in the Lords are bracing themselves for a rough ride when two key measures announced in the Queen's Speech start their parliamentary passage in the Upper House.

With the painful and embarrassing defeats over rail privatisation still fresh in their memories, business managers in the House of Lords fear further rebellions over the education and police bills.

Five of the 13 pieces legislation unveiled last week are due to be dealt with in the Lords first to avoid a legislative logjam in the Commons.

Traditionally, the less contentious bills are allocated to start in the Lords. However, so many highly controversial measures are being introduced in the current parliamentary session that the government could not avoid giving peers first sight of two pieces of legislation that are likely to cause it problems.

Education and Home Office bills are particularly prone to maulings in the House of Lords because of the sheer number of ennobled academics and lawyers who sit in the Upper House.

The education bill aims to restructure the system of teacher training and to introduce new controls on the use of public funds by student unions. However, the committee of vice-chancellors and principals, which is well represented on all sides of the Lords, is expected to organise stiff opposition to the bill.

In Lords debates on universities earlier this year a succession of Tory peers including Baroness Park, the former principal of Somerville College, Oxford, Lady Young, the former Tory education minister, and Lord Beloff, the distinguished academic, criticised government policy towards students.

The police bill, which introduces sweeping reforms of the forces, could also present a severe test to the government's whipping skills in the Lords. A group of current and retired law lords, as well as former leading barristers, are likely to seize on any defects in the bill.

Although it is highly unlikely that the Lords will actually block or wreck key government bills, marginal defeats on amendments could easily undermine their main purpose and bolster the confidence of any Tory backbench rebels in the Commons.

Of the three other measures starting in the Lords, the trademark bill is most likely to secure a trouble-free passage. The bill to reform local government in Wales, which was discussed in the Commons yesterday, is tipped to encounter strong opposition from the powerful Welsh contingent in the Lords.

The bill to open up the security service MI6 to outside scrutiny is expected to trigger revealing insights on the workings of the intelligence services from former officers now sitting in the Upper House.

Centre-left seeks new blood for Tory battle

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the Commons "freshers" may be drafted in by leaders of the centre-left backbench Tory faction plotting to break the right-wing stranglehold over the 1922 executive.

As leaders of the Mainstream group met at Westminster last night to finalise their battle plan, Peter Butler, Conservative MP for Milton Keynes North East, was being widely tipped as a potential candidate in Thursday's ballot of backbench Tory MPs.

Mr Butler, 42, entered the Commons at the last election. If elected, he would be easily the youngest MP on the 1922 executive. All six officers of the committee are aged over 60 and only one of the 12-strong executive committee is under 50.

Fielding one of the most recent intake would be a sharp break with precedent, but the Mainstream group is clearly calculating that Mr Butler could be expected to pick up support from younger MPs.

Speculation about moves to inject new blood into the committee came as the Mainstream group, led by Sir Cranley Onslow, met to discuss its list of candidates. A final slate of candidates may not be released until tomorrow afternoon after the close of nominations. Divisions are also appearing in Mainstream ranks over whether to agree a firm slate or a looser system of endorsement of certain candidates "loyal" to John Major.

The meeting came amid signs that potential right-wing defectors to the Mainstream group are reverting to their traditional allegiances, boosting the right's hopes of repulsing the threat.

Hain faces Tribune challenge

BY JILL SHERMAN

DEEP tensions about economic policy within the Labour party have prompted moves to oust Peter Hain, MP for Neath, as secretary of the left-wing Tribune group.

Mr Hain, who has written Tribune pamphlets opposing the party's economic strategy, faces a challenge in tomorrow's elections for the 100-strong Tribune group from Janet Anderson, MP for Rossendale and Darwen. Ms Anderson is said to favour Labour's attempts to woo middle-income voters by claiming that wealth will not be taxed for its own sake.

Labour officials were yesterday playing down talks of a plot to oust Mr Hain while admitting that his pamphlets have not been helpful to the leadership.

Reforms widen the Whitehall cracks

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The government's public service reforms are coming under increasing fire. Ardent reformers, like Sir Peter Kemp, the former permanent secretary, complain that the momentum for change risks faltering. Academics and groups like Charter 88 worry that a more rapid pace of change is threatening the Civil Service ethos and democratic accountability.

Strains are also evident in the premature departure of two permanent secretaries following differences with their political masters. Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the Iraqi arms affair has spotlighted flaws in the relations of ministers with civil servants and with Parliament. His report promises to be awkward reading in Whitehall.

Sir William Waldegrave, the public services minister, and Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary, have been trying to head off criticism. Mr Waldegrave talks of "a new sense of energy and innovation", while an efficiency unit report into "career management and succession", commissioned by Sir Robin, yesterday discussed opening up top Whitehall jobs to outside competition.

While the prime minister welcomed the report in general, he was cautious about specific proposals on filling posts and more specific contract terms. In classic Whitehall jargon, these were said to "raise important issues which need further consideration" — not least for pay and pensions if civil servants have specified notice periods. Decisions will not be taken until the spring.

Sir Robin will have plenty to talk about this morning when he appears before the Treasury committee's sub-committee on the Civil Service, chaired by Giles Radice. The sub-committee's report will probably come out in February. Its interim study in the summer highlighted three areas — a code of conduct, improving policy advice (to see whether yesterday's proposals are more than just cosmetic) and accountability to Parliament.

Two inter-related problems exist: the long period of one-party rule and the current upheavals in the structure of the public service. Both have challenged traditional assumptions about Civil Service behaviour. This is rarely whether he or she is "one of us". It is much more that many middle-ranking officials have never really known anything other than a Tory government, which naturally affects attitudes.

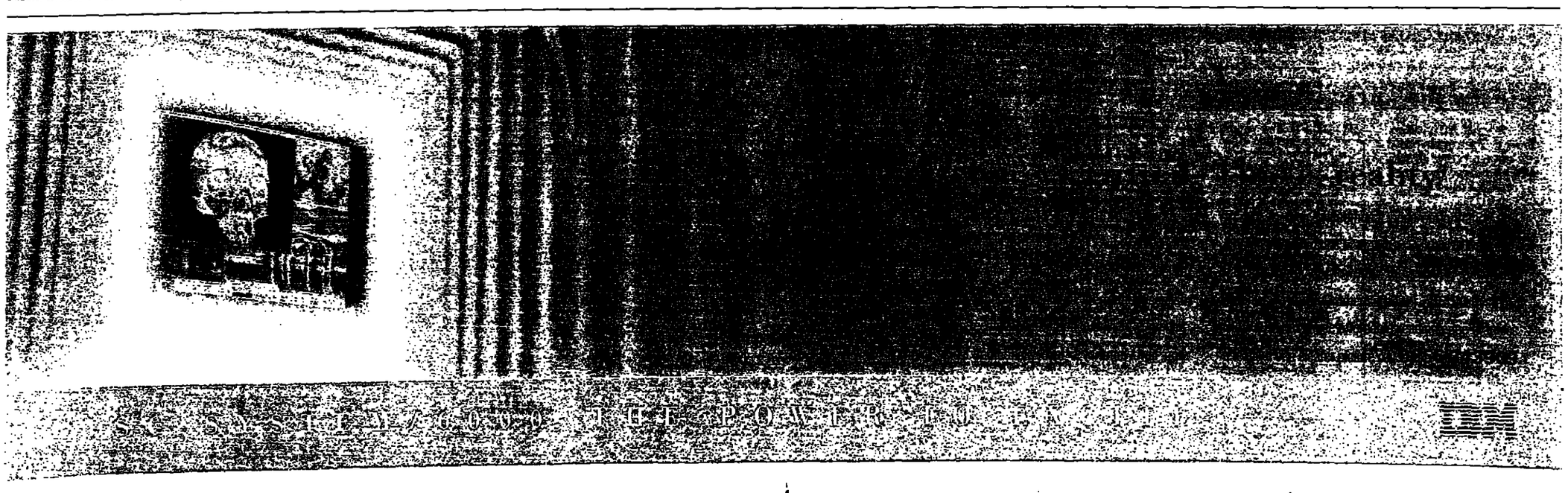
But, as the rivetting evidence to the Scott enquiry has shown, that can produce conflicts. Does accountability to Parliament always means loyalty to ministers? Obfuscation is always an easier option than objection, especially when you believe your ministers will be in power for ever. Officials are promoted on the basis of "can-do" qualities of implementing radical change and operating on a more business-like basis.

What Mr Radice's sub-committee will have to address, and Lord Justice Scott at least implicitly to consider, is how far new rules need to be put in place. The First Division Association, representing senior civil servants, has argued for a new code of ethics. As the FDA's evidence to the enquiry delicately put it: in the absence of a Civil Service act, existing guidelines to civil servants are "in some cases, if not contradictory, not wholly consistent". The government believes the changes are their own justification. But more formal reassurance is needed.

PETER RIDDELL

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: defence; prime minister. Continuation of debate on Queen's Speech (home affairs and education).
Lords (2.30): Continuation of debate on Queen's Speech (home and social affairs).



Syrians win key role in building regional peace

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ King Husain's assurance that he will not sign a bilateral peace deal with Israel has strengthened the negotiating position of Damascus over the Golan Heights

SYRIA has manoeuvred itself back on to the centre stage of Middle East diplomacy after winning an assurance from King Husain of Jordan that he will not make a separate peace deal with Israel.

After weeks of uncertainty, provoked by the secretly negotiated deal between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, President Assad of Syria appears once again to have proved that any "comprehensive settlement" of the Arab-Israeli conflict requires approval from Damascus.

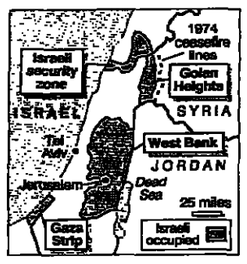
On Sunday, during a visit to the Syrian capital, King Husain agreed not to sign a separate agreement with Israel, even though it is understood that Jordan and Israel had effectively settled their outstanding differences during secret contacts this month.

"Jordan faced temptations at times and threats at other times to accept a separate settlement," said *Sawt al-Shaab*, Jordan's Arabic daily yesterday. "But it rejected all of that with a believer's conviction that the Arab position and the Arabs' negotiating cards should never be weakened."

Although Syria has lost much of its influence over the outcome of the current Palestinian-Israeli dialogue, which resumes in Egypt today, it still firmly holds the key to Israel's ambitions to normalise links with the Arabs on its borders and beyond in the Gulf states.

According to Moshe Maoz, an expert on Syria at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the parameters of an Israeli-Syrian peace agreement have already been established, and only the question of timing remains unclear. It is generally accepted that if Israel agrees to recognise Syrian sovereignty over the occupied Golan Heights, captured in 1967, then Syria will agree to recognise Israel and establish normal relations. Aside from opening the way for an Israeli-Jordanian peace deal, an accord with Syria would also automatically lead to a third agreement with Lebanon, where Syria is the main power broker.

For its part, Damascus would also expect to be rehabilitated internationally, in particular to have its name removed from the US State Department's list of countries that support terrorism, and to receive Western aid for its devastated economy. "The Syrians seem to be ready to move and the ball is really in Israel's court at the moment," said Mr Maoz, who added that Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, did not seem ready yet to pursue contacts



with his powerful northern neighbour. "Rabin wants to prove to the Israeli public that the Palestinian deal is working before he embarks on a new track that will involve giving up the Golan."

The question of how and when the two long-standing Middle East enemies will choose to bury their differences should emerge after the mediation efforts of Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who visits the region next month.

Mr Rabin is likely to concentrate on the Palestinian track at least until he has finalised details of the transfer of authority from Israeli military control to Palestinian self-government in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. An agreement is supposed to be concluded by December 13.

"At this stage there is nothing that is close to a completion in a public fashion with any other country," said the Israeli leader on his return to Tel Aviv on Sunday from a ten-day trip to America.

Nevertheless, he added that he was seeking "secret channels" to the Syrian leadership, and it is possible that the left-wing coalition government could pursue a deal with Damascus as early as next month.

Both Syria and Jordan are aware that the longer they remain on the sidelines of the fast-moving peace process, the greater they risk being cut out of the lucrative Western investment opportunities currently being earmarked for the Palestinians.

Mr Rabin is also under pressure to move. Although negotiations over territorial compromise in the Golan Heights might lose him some public support, a peace with Syria would mean the end of the Arab economic boycott against Israel and would rapidly open lucrative Arab markets in the Gulf to Israeli business.

The Israeli leader is also aware that the longer that peace talks with Syria are allowed to drift the greater the scope for militant Palestinian and Lebanese groups currently supported by Syria to oppose violently the peace process. As long as no deal is in sight, the recent spate of attacks against Israelis in the occupied territories by radical groups and against the Israeli "security zone" in southern Lebanon by Islamic guerrillas is likely to continue and could even intensify.



Palestinian police on exercise with Egyptian colleagues during their final training in Cairo before yesterday's passing-out ceremony

Palestinian police braced for Gaza beat

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

THE untried Palestinian police force moved closer to reality yesterday when two PLO generals crossed from Egypt into the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip to examine the possibility of locating the new units in military camps which Israeli forces are due to begin evacuating on December 13.

Their unprecedented tour, hosted by Israeli officials, will be followed today by the arrival in Gaza of three colonels from the Palestine Liberation Organisation and 22 new police recruits who have just completed a two-month training course in Egypt. The group, including former PLO guerrillas, graduated yesterday from Cairo's police academy in a ceremony at which they brandished automatic rifles and showed off methods of foiling assassination attempts. Protecting Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, will be one of the force's main tasks.

In Gaza, the new policemen will reconnoitre local training sites for the 15,000-strong force which faces hostility from Jewish settlers who have vowed not to recognise its authority, and Arab rejectionists bent on sabotaging the Israeli-PLO accord. As violence against the accord has mounted, concern is growing about the capability of the world's newest police force.

At the Royal Police Academy in Amman, members have been trained to the sound of bagpipes to master riot control techniques. Those few Westerners permitted to observe the exercises have not been impressed by the efficiency of the recruits, although their enthusiasm is not in doubt.

"It is your British tradition," said one Palestinian officer proudly as the recruits marched to the skirl of pipes covered in chequered Palestinian cloth. "The British Army handed it down to the Jordanians and we are following."

The marchers will soon be instructors in their own right, training thousands of young Palestinians between 18 and 35 who have volunteered for the Palestinian National Security Forces; many were formerly prisoners in Israeli jails.

Nearly 5,000 Palestinians are being trained in Jordan and Egypt, most former members of the Palestine National Army (PNA), a force that has been scattered around the Arab world since 1965. At the weekend Mr Arafat ordered PNA members based in Iraq to join those in Jordan to take charge of the Jericho region. PNA men from Algeria, Libya, Sudan and Yemen were instructed to go to Egypt to be ready to cross over the border into Gaza when the Israeli withdrawal starts on December 13.

"I can assure you there will be no civil war among Palestinians then," said Brigadier General Muhammad Qudsiyah, the PNA commander in Jordan. "The Palestinians are civilised people. The differences between them will be solved in a democratic way."

The trainee policemen were learning mastery of American-made M16 rifles, but there was confusion about exactly what weapons will be issued to the force or who will be supplying them. There has been little co-ordination between training in Jordan and Egypt.

Recruitment is being overseen by a remote PLO committee in Tunis. None of those on parade could contemplate shooting fellow Arabs, or had any clear idea of relating to Jewish settlers determined to stay on inside the self-rule areas.

"We will be like any police force elsewhere in the world," claimed Captain Faisal Shanabali, a burly refugee from the West Bank town of Nablus. "Our main tasks will be to uphold the law and protect the people."

Because most of the recruits come from Mr Arafat's dominant Fatah faction of the PLO, many Palestinians fear that the police force could become a weapon for party repression, stamping out any form of opposition.

Israeli military negotiators are confident that although they will be given light arms and armoured cars, they will pose no military threat to Israel. As Shimon Peres, the Isaeli foreign minister, said after two Israeli hikers were murdered near Jericho recently: "I only hope the day is not far off that a Palestinian police force will be formed and it will itself arrest the murderers and criminals."

Gaza City: Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian suicide bomber yesterday as he tried to ram a stolen rubbish lorry into an army vehicle here, military officials said. The lorry crashed and turned over after Moamer Saleh Hussein, 20, who was carrying a home-made grenade and a knife with an Islamic Jihad inscription, was hit by three bullets. Troops who opened fire from the vehicle at the head of a convoy escaped unharmed. *(AFP)*

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She had not previously been interested in the USA as a holiday resort but her trip led to further exploration. "It certainly opened my eyes and changed my views."

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Party told by de Klerk to affirm ANC deal

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

PRESIDENT de Klerk, in ebullient and combative form, opened proceedings in the last session of the apartheid parliament yesterday with a fighting speech designed to unite his Nationalists behind the constitutional settlement agreed with the African National Congress, and push his leading parliamentary opponents in the Conservative party on to the defensive.

The day began with a Nationalist caucus meeting, at which some trouble had been expected. Although closely questioned by anxious MPs, the president emerged beaming to declare that the mood had been "positive". Later, at a joint meeting of all three houses of parliament, he insisted that in the course of the negotiations "we have essentially succeeded in our aims".

He described the trouble within his caucus as "not even a storm in a teacup", insisting that the Nationalists were "united in their acceptance of the results".

Mr de Klerk said: "Some maintain that the National Party has capitulated on most of the important issues. That is the biggest nonsense I have heard in a long time. Anyone who says that is either uninformed or malicious." Members of the Conservative party, which boycotted the constitutional talks, jeered at this.

While the Nationalist caucus was in progress, white right-wingers marched through Cape Town, waving flags, carrying placards asserting that Mr de Klerk had no mandate for what he has agreed, and shouting: "Away with de Klerk".

They marched along Parliament Street to the statue of Louis Botha, the Boer war general who became prime minister of a united South Africa. There they handed a letter to a police captain addressed to Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, who fell out with his cabinet colleagues during last week's negotiations. The letter urged Mr Kriel to pass on to the president and his cabinet their demand for a whites-only referendum on the settlement.

Mr de Klerk said in parliament that the new constitution, to be approved this session, would be substantially different from the present one. South Africa's constitutional history had been born in the British tradition of the sovereignty of parliament.

"Parliament is supreme," he said. "It may make any law regardless of whether it is just or unjust, regardless of whether or not it discriminates on the basis of race, sex or creed." But the new constitution would turn South Africa into a state, in which the law was supreme.

"Every law passed in future by parliament, as well as every decision of the cabinet, has to meet with requirements of a value system, of prescribed norms and principles. No law may be in conflict with the constitution or the bill of fundamental rights. Henceforth, Mr Speaker, no government will be able to do just as it pleases merely because it has a majority."



Supporters congratulate Nzukisi Mxoli, left, and Mankenke Lungilisa, wearing Pan Africanist Congress shirts, on their release from court in Cape Town yesterday after a witness refused to give evidence against them in a murder trial

Student murder defendants freed

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

A KEY witness in the South African trial of a group of youths accused of murdering Amy Biehl, an American exchange student killed by a mob in August, yesterday refused to testify against three of them, and all charges against the trio were withdrawn.

Of the seven originally charged with murder, public violence and aggravated robbery, only three are now being tried. The youngest of the accused, a 15-year-old boy, disappeared after being released into his mother's custody, failing to show up at the remand hearings.

J. A. "Nollie" Niehaus, the prosecuting counsel, told the judge he was unable to proceed with the case against Mlungisi Ngxaza, Nzukisi Mxoli and Mankenke Lungilisa, because Charles Benjamin refused to testify for political reasons. Afterwards, he said Mr Benjamin had decided it would hurt his political career as a member of the African National Congress if he testified.

Biehl, 27, was working with the ANC on a voter-education project when she died. She was taking colleagues home to the black township of Guguletu outside Cape Town when her car was stopped by a group of youths shouting Pan Africanist Congress slogans. She was stoned and stabbed to death.

The trial of the remaining three defendants, Mongesi Manqina, Mzikhona Nofemela and Vusumzi Ntamo, continues today.



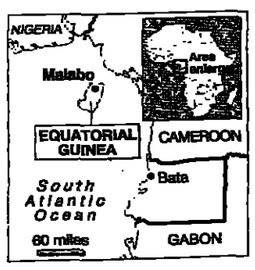
Biehl: American killed by mob

Voters snub polls in Africa's model mess of a nation

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

A THIRD of the population of Equatorial Guinea was wiped out by its first president after independence in 1968, another third has fled, many continue to disappear and the country is bankrupt. So it may surprise Equatorial Guineans, who yesterday stayed away from parliamentary elections, that theirs is a model country.

Frederick Forsyth's book *The Dogs of War*, in which a handful of soldiers of fortune, attempt to take over an oblong-shaped country was unmistakably set in Equatorial Guinea — a model bloody mess of an African country. But the recent history of the



tiny nation, is better suited to a horror movie.

President Obiang Nguema Mbasago, bowing to the results of a national referendum in which 98.4 per cent of voters demanded multi-party elections, agreed to hold yesterday's polls. However, he insisted that he appoint all members of the electoral boards and that all elected candidates swear allegiance to him. The result has been an extensive boycott of the polls, the banning of opposition politicians from leaving the island of Bioko, site of the capital Malabo, and the torture and imprisonment of many others. Only 47,000 voters of an electorate of 119,000 registered their intention to vote.

Last Sunday the US State Department condemned the election process in the run-up to the opening of polls. It urged countries to re-examine their relationships with the "Obiang dictatorship".

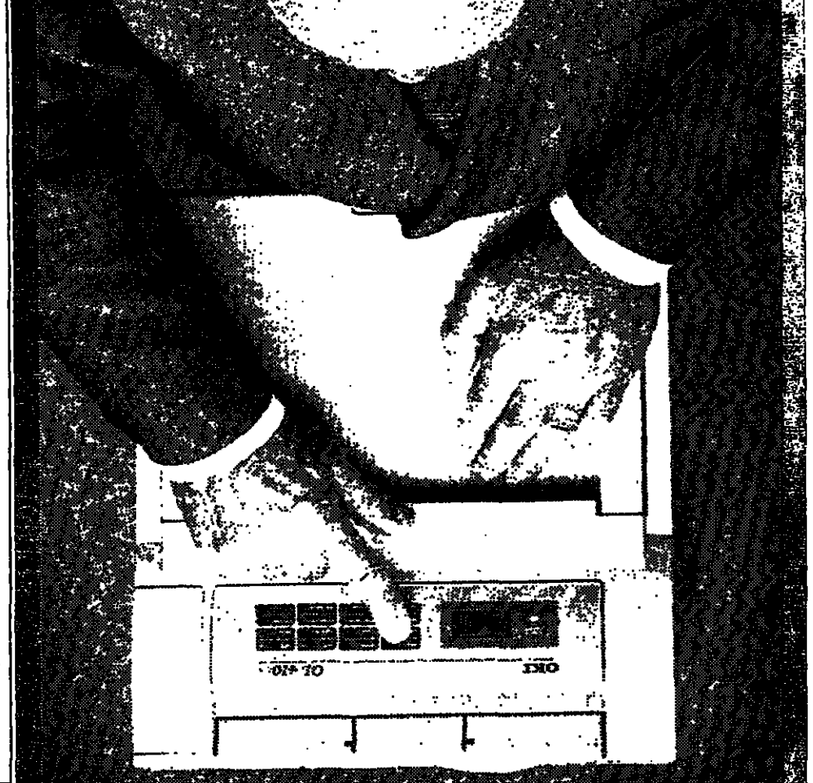
Brigadier General Obiang came to power in 1979 after his uncle, Francisco Macias Nguema, was ousted by relatives. During his despotic decade in power Macias banned the Catholic Church, closing its schools and ending education in the country, forced churches to put his picture on the altar and orchestrated the deaths of at least 100,000 citizens.

Driven from Bioko, Macias fled to his home village of Mongomo, carrying the contents of the national treasury in a trunk which he buried. When he was tracked down by Lieutenant Pedro Motu, the $3 million (£2 million) had rotted to useless papier-mâché. He was executed with some of his senior aides soon after.

Lieutenant Motu, a hero of the "revolution" to whom lifelong spiritual powers were ascribed for netting the president, was arrested in August for consorting with members of the opposition, and three days later reportedly committed suicide in his cell.

Armengol Engonga, vice-president of the Progress Party, which boycotted the elections, said: "Standing in defence of liberty and human rights, we couldn't legitimise such a military dictatorship."

While local voters, the European Community, the United States and Spain have sought to isolate Mr Obiang, Serbia has recently fostered a close relationship with him.



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Scandal prompts Christian Democrat rout in local elections

Despairing Italian voters turn backs on centre parties

FROM PHILIP WILLAN AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ The Christian Democrats have taken a beating. Their downfall has been compared with the disappearance of the French Catholic MRP party at the end of the 1950s

ITALIAN voters have deserted the middle ground in local elections to record a resounding guilty verdict on the discredited centre parties that have governed the country since the war.

The big winners on Sunday were the former Communists of the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS): candidates backed by the PDS will be favourites to win a second-round vote on December 5 for control of five of the biggest cities. The protest vote in the north was mopped up by the separatist Lombardy League, while in the south and centre it went to the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) — alarming for those with memories of the Mussolini era.

Some 11 million Italians, a quarter of the electorate, voted for 428 local administrations in what was seen as a dress rehearsal for a general election expected early next year. The four parties supporting the government of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, all but disappeared under the rubble of the corruption scandal in which leading party members have been accused of taking millions of pounds in bribes, or of complicity with organised crime.

The formerly dominant Christian Democrats and their Socialist, Liberal and Social Democrat allies, took around 15 per cent of the poll, compared with 48.8 per cent in last year's general election. *Il Giornale*, the Milan daily, said Signor Ciampi was now supported by ghost parties.

Achille Occhetto, the earnest leader of the PDS, emerged as the favourite to form the next government. Signor Occhetto, who presided over the Communist party's change of name in 1991 and dropped the vestiges of Marxist ideology, exulted over a "splendid victory".

The PDS would be hard-pressed to obtain an absolute majority in a parliamentary contest, even in alliance with La Rete (NetworK), the Greens and hardline Communist Refoundation parties. But as leader of the largest national party, Signor Occhetto can reasonably hope to claim many more than the three minor cabinet posts he obtained in Signor Ciampi's government in April. The other key figure in horse-trading is likely to be Mario Segni, the architect of last April's electoral reform referendum, who resigned from the Christian Democrats (CD) and has indicated he will try to revive the centre.

In Rome and Naples, the MSI looked set to become the largest single party: its mayoral candidates will enter the second round slightly trailing left-wing rivals. In the capital, Gianfranco Fini, the MSI leader, was only a few points behind Francesco Rutelli of the Green party. Carmelo Caruso, the Christian Democrat candidate, could barely muster 10 per cent of the vote, despite a lavish campaign.

In Naples, Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of the Fascist dictator, trailed Antonio Bassolino of the PDS by some ten percentage points. Signora Mussolini, 30, proclaimed: "I am proud of my grandfather — I managed to go through to the run-off thanks to him." But analysts said it was unlikely she could overtake Signor Bassolino.

The decline of the Christian Democrats and their Socialist allies was evident everywhere. Mino Martinazzoli, the CD secretary who sought to save it by changing the name to the Popular Party, told reporters: "I have nothing to say. I am watching the soccer match. Who cares?" There was speculation that he would resign.

The Christian Democrats declined by 18 per cent in Rome, 24 per cent in Naples and 37 per cent in Palermo on the April 1992 general election. *Il Messaggero* compared their defeat with the disappearance of the French Roman Catholic MRP party at the end of the 1950s.

The Lombardy League confirmed its status as the biggest party in northern Italy, but trailed behind PDS-backed candidates in Venice, Genoa and Trieste. A league voter in Genoa said he thought Umberto Bossi, its leader, had frightened off potential voters by his recent vitriolic attacks on a magistrate who dared to open an investigation into the financial affairs of one of the party's senators.

Signor Bossi promised to "defeat the oak tree [the PDS symbol] with the cavalry" in the December 5 run-off, but he admitted he "was hoping for something more".

The value of the lira and shares on the Milan stock exchange tumbled yesterday amid the uncertainty caused by the poll. But one reassuring sign is the staunch democratic convictions of the men controlling large companies such as Fiat, which now has heavy investments in the south. Signor Fini, the MSI leader, has obtained the support of Roman shopkeepers but Gianni Agnelli, chairman of Fiat, the largest private sector employer, is expected to use all his influence with public opinion to stem the revival of fascism.

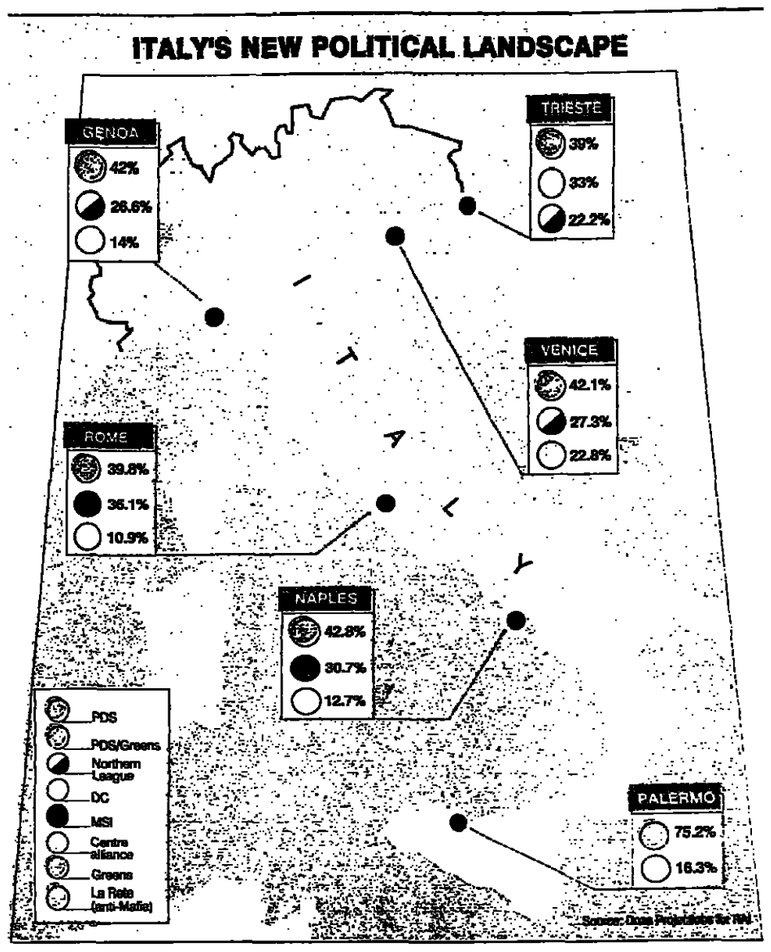
A leading article in Corriere della Sera, the newspaper controlled by Signor Agnelli, said yesterday: "It it useful to bear in mind that neither the MSI secretary, nor the granddaughter of *Il Duce* resembles a Chirac or leaders of a modern right that can be candidates for government."

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Jailed director elected mayor

Ischia: A 61-year-old Italian company director remanded in custody last week on corruption charges was told yesterday that he had been elected mayor of a town on the island of Ischia off Naples. Giuseppe Gaudioso, who is awaiting trial, received the news in his Naples cell. He is accused of irregularities in handing out jobs at Naples airport.

Signor Gaudioso, the managing director of the airport ground services company until his arrest, was elected with 2,069 votes in the town of Barano D'Ischia. He represented a local "Democracy and Progress" alliance. *(Reuter)*





From left, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, Alessandra Mussolini, who is vying for power in Naples, and Umberto Bossi, leader of the Lombardy League

Anti-Mafia campaigners strike a blow in Sicilian stronghold

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

THE Mafia was a big loser in Sunday's elections as Leoluca Orlando, head of La Rete (Network) party, which is dedicated to fighting the Cosa Nostra, celebrated an unprecedented outright victory as mayor of Palermo.

After winning about 75 per cent of the vote, against 16 per cent for his nearest rival, Elda Pucci, the former Christian Democrat mayor, Signor Orlando confidently proposed himself as a candidate for prime minister when his mayoral term in the Sicilian capital ends. "The problems of Palermo and Italy as a whole are linked," he said.

Commentators said the underworld appeared to have abandoned its usual electoral intimidation, which could explain a decline in turnout from 78 per cent in the last local elections to 73 per cent.

La Rete's campaign for open government also won the two-year-old party control of Palermo council. The stunning victory is, however, unlikely to change the lifestyle of Signor Orlando and his family who are under heavy police escort around the clock.

Signor Orlando studied jurisprudence at Heidelberg university, speaks English and French as well as German, and has repeatedly appealed for European aid against organised crime.

"Four years is not enough to resolve all of Palermo's problems," Signor Orlando said. "But it is sufficient to show that change is possible."

Europe to offer Serbs sanctions deal for peace

BY GEORGE BROCK IN LUXEMBOURG, JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO, AND TOM RHODES

IN A last-minute attempt to avert thousands of deaths from cold and disease in Bosnia this winter, European Union foreign ministers agreed yesterday to offer Serbia a new peace deal while reluctantly holding in reserve the use of force to get aid through if talks fail.

The foreign ministers will meet in Geneva next week to offer Belgrade a gradual suspension of economic sanctions in exchange for a peace settlement and the safe delivery of food and medicine.

Willy Claes, the Belgian foreign minister and president of the EU's council of ministers, said that even if the warring parties sanctioned this idea, the Union had agreed that force could be used against renegade groups interfering with aid deliveries.

"We will not hesitate to use force," he said. "We do not want to be responsible for a humanitarian catastrophe. All obstacles must be lifted. We hope the use of force will not be necessary."

In Geneva next Monday, the foreign ministers will spell out their conditions for a gradual suspension of the embargo which is slowly strangling the Serbian economy. The suggestion that sanctions might be "lifted" in exchange for Serbian concessions on aid movement and territory has been watered down to an offer of "gradual and conditional suspension" after strenuous protests from America. Russian and American observers will attend the meeting.

But neither the United Nations commanders in Bosnia nor Lord Owen, the EU peace negotiator, offered the foreign ministers any hope of improvement in the bleak and worsening prospects for the aid convoys. Even if all available aid could be moved to the isolated Bosnian towns cut off from energy supplies, food and medical care, Lord Owen said afterwards, thousands of people would probably die during the winter. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, acknowledged that between a quarter and a third of aid reaching Bosnia was hijacked by militias.

UN aid convoys are set to recommence today or tomorrow following a pledge of co-operation from the three warring sides' military commanders. However, there is little evidence to indicate that the latest agreement will amount to more than any of the other scores of similar pledges. With winter already gripping Bosnia, the next five months promise even greater suffering. Last week Sadako Ogata, the head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, brought leaders from the three sides in the Bosnia conflict to Geneva for a high-profile agreement to allow the free passage of aid. As on so many other occasions, the representatives duly signed their names to whatever accord was on the table, only to have nothing change in their conduct of the war.

If anything, the UN and the UNHCR are more reluctant than ever to confront the intransigence of commanders who obstruct aid convoys. Yesterday Médecins sans Frontières, the world's largest independent organisation for emergency medical aid, deemed the UN operation in Bosnia a "complete disaster".

"It is very clear that the United Nations does not help humanitarian organisations, does not help civilians and does not help peace," Françoise Saulnier, head of legal affairs, said in London.

Mme Saulnier said the impartiality of aid agencies had been entirely lost as a result of the UN's role in former Yugoslavia. The movement of aid, she said, was more effective without the cover of the UN Protection Force, associated with a political rather than humanitarian goal.

UN commanders on the ground remain reluctant to use force, and neither Britain nor France, whose soldiers make up the bulk of the UN's Bosnian force, want to switch to a more aggressive strategy.

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Ogata: she brought the three parties together

Correction

A report on November 11 should have made clear that Croatia backs easing UN sanctions on the rump Yugoslavia if President Tudjman's plan is implemented first. France and Germany want curbs eased after an accord.

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Greens confront police in German Sellafield protest

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN riot police fired torrents of ice-cold water at hundreds of anti-nuclear demonstrators yesterday as they tried to prevent atomic waste being transported to the reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

The Green Party sought a court injunction against the nuclear transport by road, rail or ship from the Brokdorf power station in Lower Saxony. But the court rejected the petition and the party promised to block the transfer of the waste to Britain by force. Chanting "We are protecting the children of Sellafield", the demonstrators lay in front of the huge lorries with their special anti-radiation containers.

The police, some on horseback, moved in with truncheons. When this failed to budge the human cordon, they bombarded the crowd with water which — in temperatures of -5C — immediately froze to their clothing. Water lorries chased protesters down a stretch of road and the cannon streams ripped open a few protesters' trousers, said Roland Hipp of Greenpeace. "I've never seen anything like it," he said. "There were plenty of police and they could have simply dragged people off the street. My impression is that they were having fun." Police saw things differently. "If they didn't want to get wet, all they had to do was get off the road," said Gerhard Buttner, a police commander, in a telephone interview from nearby Itzehoe. He denied that the nozzles were turned directly on the protesters.

The Greens, who had surrounded the plant with black wooden crosses, claimed that the transport of the material by lorry to a sealed train and then by rail to Dunkirk and on to Dover was highly dangerous. They also referred to medical reports which they said suggested that the incidence of child leukaemia was abnormally high around Sellafield.

The controversy is an indication of what might happen to the already complex tangle of UK-German energy policy if the Greens surge into government after next year's elections. The party, which currently commands 10 per cent of electoral support nationally, is committed to scrapping or at least not renewing the reprocessing contracts with the Cumbrian plant.

Since the economics of Sellafield depend on long-term German contracts, even relatively small-scale but noisy protests have to be taken seriously. Such demonstrations harden the resolve of the Greens and may convert members of the Social Democratic Party, the only plausible coalition partner of the Greens in a future German government. Opinion polls show that a Social Democrat-Green coalition could secure a working majority if the elections were held now. There is no alternative to reprocessing spent nuclear rods. German laws state that as long as the country does not have a final dumping ground for highly radioactive waste, it must be sent for reprocessing. So far no provincial government has been willing to take on the political risk of establishing such a storage centre.



Hyde: can put her gun in a shoulder harness

Pregnancy is not a happy lot

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A PREGNANT police officer in Texas has been told by her superiors that she cannot have a desk job and if she refuses to go out on patrol she will not be paid.

"I think they ought to have a little compassion instead of putting me out on the street when I'm two months pregnant," said Bonnie Hyde, 31, of Humble, Texas. But her bosses say if she cannot perform her beat duties she will not receive her monthly salary of $2,351 (£1,567).

"Her job is a patrol officer. If she can't perform her duties, she can't work," said James Baker, the city manager. "We gave her the opportunity to wear a shoulder harness or any other acceptable method of carrying a weapon."

American lawyer was paid by Lockerbie victims and Libya

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AN AMERICAN lawyer representing the families of passengers killed on the Pan Am 103 bombing in Lockerbie has also been paid for his professional advice by the Libyan government, which has refused to hand over two suspects, an American law journal reported yesterday.

F. Lee Bailey, who represents the relatives of five victims and is a spokesman on the case, travelled to Libya twice last August to advise government officials on legal procedures in Britain and America, according to the *National Law Journal*.

Mr Bailey said he saw no conflict of interest in being paid by both the Libyans and the families of the victims, but Elizabeth Phillips, a former head of the Victims of Pan Am 103 Association, said she did not think that the families "would want to have him represent Libya".

The lawyer insists that he was not acting in Libya's interests despite being employed by the Libyan government, and had simply explained to officials "what the means of surrender would be. The families would be in favour of that. The purpose of my going there was to facilitate [the suspects'] return to somewhere," he said.

Mr Bailey added that he had not informed his clients of the trips to Libya because these had not been made public.

The two alleged Libyan intelligence agents, Abdel Basset al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, are suspected of planting the bomb in 1988, which exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerbie killing 270 people. United Nations sanctions, including an arms, air and diplomatic embargo, have failed to persuade Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to hand over the men.

Mr Bailey said his advice to the Libyan government was "not helpful, not cheerful", since he emphasised that the United States and Britain would not "settle for anything less than a Scottish trial".

The two suspects have offered to stand trial in Switzerland, but the British and American governments insist that any trial must take place in Scotland or America. The families represented by Mr Bailey have not commented on the report.

Tougher UN sanctions aimed at forcing Colonel Gaddafi into surrendering the suspects, including the freezing of assets held abroad, are due to go into effect next week.

☐ **Kuwait City:** A UN patrol car has gone missing on the Iraq-Kuwait border. UN military observers said yesterday. Kuwaiti newspapers said that Iraqis had forced two military observers out of the car at gunpoint on Sunday. *(Reuter)*

Trade officials spar

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

A TERSE exchange preceded today's trade talks between Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner, and Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, as a senior European Commission official criticised Washington's decision to seek support from Asian leaders for its refusal to reopen the Blair House deal on agricultural subsidies.

With three weeks to go until the deadline for a world trade accord, Sir Leon arrived in Washington last night with a dozen negotiators for two days of talks with Mr Kantor to try to resolve a protracted dispute about farm subsidies.

During the weekend meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation council, Mr Kantor refused to change the agreement, a sentiment supported by several Asian delegations. A European official said the American strategy amounted to a failure of attempts to foil European moves to seek specific changes to the agreement. These changes related to the details of how the 21 per cent cut in export subsidies is to be phased in over six years.

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US to offer North Korea incentives over nuclear sites

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

■ **Harsh words seem to have had no effect on Pyongyang. America is now planning to coax it into allowing nuclear facility inspections or else face sanctions**

A PACKAGE of incentives to persuade North Korea to give up its suspected nuclear weapons programme and reopen its nuclear sites for international inspections is being devised by President Clinton and his advisers. He is expected to seek agreement for the change of strategy from South Korea during talks in Washington today with President Kim Young Sam.

The shift comes at a time of growing anxiety about North Korea's nuclear ambitions and coincides with a startling American report that Pyongyang's troops could win a ground war against South Korea and be in Seoul, 30 miles south of the border, within one or two weeks.

The North Korean ambassador to Thailand has denied, however, that Pyongyang has any intention of building a nuclear bomb or of launching an invasion against the South.

White House officials said yesterday that they were still working on the incentive plan, but its essential elements are a series of American concessions towards the Stalinist regime of Kim Il Sung, with the promise of more permanent steps, such as aid and diplomatic recognition, later. As a first move, the United States and South Korea would suspend their massive joint military exercises and Washington would begin a third round of high-level talks with North Korea.

In exchange, the North would agree to immediate resumption of regular inspections of its nuclear sites by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which were broken off last February, and re-establishment of continuous monitoring by the agency's surveillance cameras. North and South Korea would also exchange envoys to discuss issues of halting all work on nuclear weapons. Mr Clinton discussed these ideas with Chinese and Japanese leaders during last week's Asian economic summit in Seattle and was said to have won their support. Some Asian and American officials are concerned that Mr Clinton may be setting an unfortunate precedent in rewarding North Korea simply for abiding by its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

There is no hint that North Korea will take the carrot, in which case the United States and its allies will be forced to resort to the stick of economic sanctions, imposed by a resolution of the UN Security Council.

Li Do Sop, Pyongyang's ambassador to Thailand, one of the few North Korean



Kim Il Sung: seeking diplomatic recognition

officials to speak out on international issues, said: "I think to build or produce a nuclear bomb needs huge amounts of money, and we do not have enough money to do so. We don't even have a place to test a nuclear bomb in a geographical sense." He also commented on reports by American defence officials that the North had concentrated 70 per cent of its troop strength along the demilitarised zone, raising fears that it might attack the South. "This is complete nonsense," he said. "We do not have any intention to invade or attack southwards."

Sitting beneath pictures of President Kim Il Sung and his son, Kim Jong Il, the North Korean ambassador said: "At this moment nobody wants war, in my country or in any other country, because the world is marching towards détente."

He said North Korea was building up its forces because "without strength, we cannot secure our economic construction or improvement of our well-being. We need defence capacity, but not defence capacity to attack others."

It has long been assumed that an invasion by North Korea's 1.1 million soldiers could be held off by the superior tanks, artillery and air power of the 650,000 South Korean forces, plus the 38,000 Americans there. However, a pair of highly classified computer studies completed by the Pentagon showed South Korea's defences collapsing so quickly that "the hair stood up on the backs of our necks as we watched", according to one Pentagon source reported in *Newsweek* magazine.

"On the first run, we thought the computer must have made a mistake, but we ran the model again and again with the same result each time: collapse."

North Korea's "victory" was attributed to modernisation of its forces and changes in strategic doctrine for a rapid, massive and highly manoeuvrable strike across the border.



President Castro welcoming President Jiang of China to Havana, the latest sign of friendlier relations. Their meeting underscored Peking's resistance to US pressure on human rights and allowed Cuba to show it is not totally isolated

Castro gets sympathy but no pledge of economic rescue from Chinese

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

RELATIONS between Cuba and China have received a boost after a meeting in Havana between President Castro and President Jiang, the leaders of two of the world's last communist countries, that was laden with political symbolism.

Diplomats said the pair exchanged views on efforts to open their socialist economies while maintaining a one-party communist system. Mr Jiang is the first Chinese president to visit Cuba since Dr Castro took power after the 1959 revolution. Havana's ties with Peking have improved greatly since the Soviet collapse undermined relations with Moscow. Envoys said the meeting helped to emphasise Peking's message to President Clinton that China will not be dictated to over human rights. For Dr Castro, it also served to show that Cuba does not stand alone in the world. But there were signs of the mistrust that has existed between the two states as a result of Cuba's former ties with Moscow. Dr Castro stopped short of endorsing China's more ambitious economic reforms and Mr Jiang made no promises of coming to Cuba's rescue.

While China has recorded impressive economic growth, the Cuban economy continues to decline. China recently exported to Cuba hundreds of thousands of bicycles which have eased transport difficulties caused by fuel shortages.

President Jiang's visit coincided with the arrival in Florida of 142 Cuban boat people who left the island by sea in nine separate craft. This one-day record brought the total of boat people this year to 3,198, a figure which has begun to alarm officials in Miami. In the past two months, more than 1,100 boat people reached America.

One vessel — a Cuban government tug captained by a coast guard officer supposed to stop refugees — carried 58 passengers to the Florida Keys.

☐ **Hong Kong:** Peking has pressurised a Hong Kong television station to cancel an interview with Wei Jingsheng, China's most celebrated dissident, it has been alleged (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

Mr Wei, who was recently released after almost 15 years in prison, gave an interview last week to the colony's TVB network condemning President Clinton's apparent softening stance on rights in China. A second interview was scheduled at the weekend, but, according to a source at TVB's office in the colony, was cancelled after objections from the Chinese authorities.

TVB admitted that a second interview with Mr Wei had been considered but denied that its cancellation was the result of Chinese pressure.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sky diver survives collision with plane

Boston: A sky diver survived after hitting the tail of a single-engine Piper plane but damaged it so severely that it went into a spin and crashed near Northampton airport in Massachusetts. The four people on board were killed.

The parachutist, Alan Peters, 51, was in stable condition with a broken ankle, said his wife, Joyce. "All he keeps talking about is seeing that plane coming at him," she said. "He said he had just jumped and all of a sudden there it was."

Police said the dead were two 18-year-olds, a woman of 45 and the pilot. Authorities said Mr Peters was free-falling, hit the plane and then deployed his parachute. It was not clear why the plane, flying from Poughkeepsie, New York, was in the sky-diving area, the Federal Aviation Administration said. *(AP)*

Uzbek visitor

London: President Karimov of Uzbekistan today begins a three-day trip to Britain that will focus on investment in the republic, including a contract with Lonrho on exploring and mining gold reserves.

Brussels clash

Brussels: Police used water cannon to disperse demonstrators as 15,000 Belgian trade unionists began protests against the government's tough package of austerity measures. *(Reuter)*

Basque attack

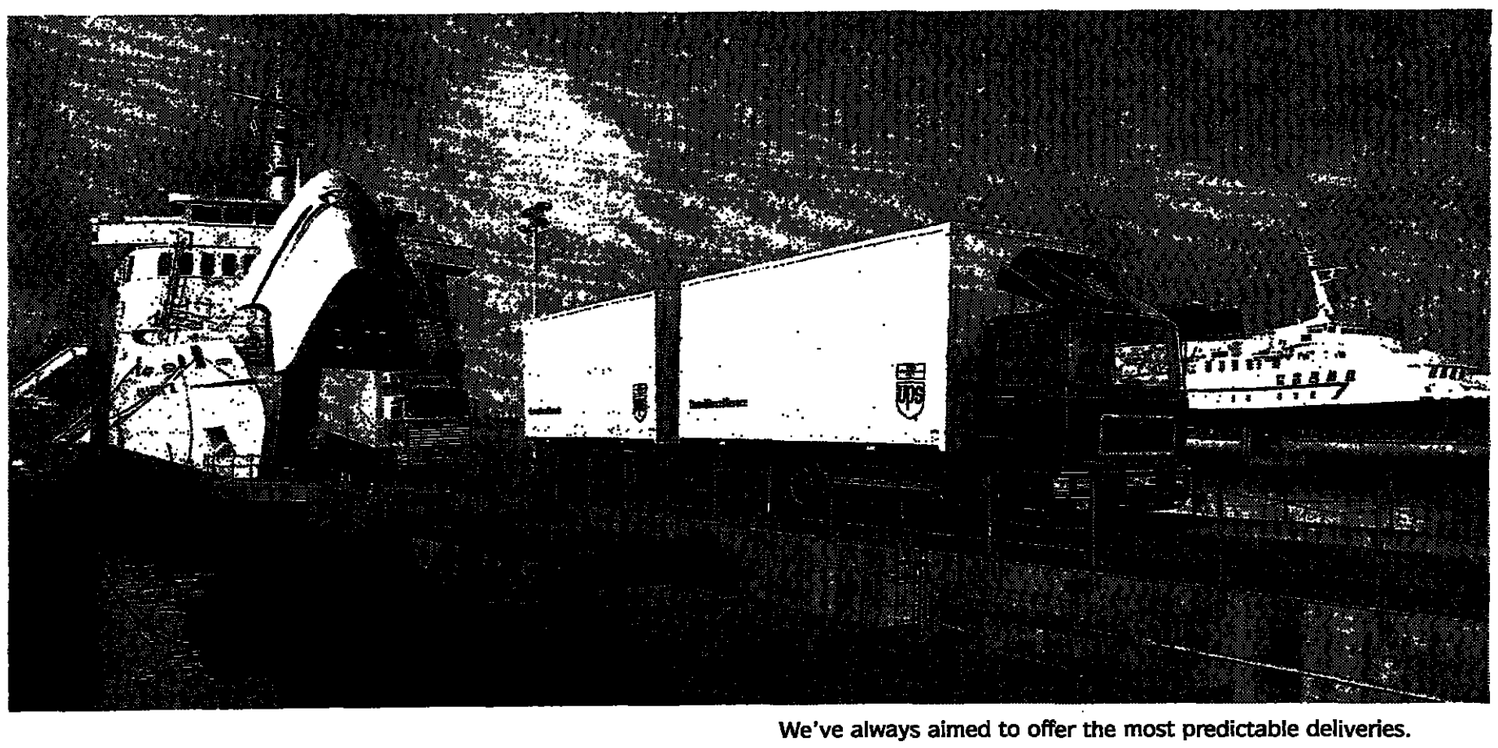
Bilbao: Two gunmen wounded a founding member of the Basque police force in Bilbao, northwest Spain. They shot José Antonio Goikoetxea in front of his son, three. *(Reuter)*

Gas kills eight

Kiev: Eight people, including three children, suffocated in Ukraine after makeshift heaters leaked poisonous gas. The victims had altered kitchen gas stoves, adding a chamber to build up heat. *(Reuter)*

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The BBC's portrayal of the heir to the throne in *To Play the King* shows contempt for the royal family and viewers

Appalling view of a prince

What has the Prince of Wales done to deserve his treatment at the hands of Michael Dobbs and Andrew Davies? What, come to that, has the entire royal family done that it should be so monstrously pilloried by this indecorous duo?

In *To Play the King*, the BBC's sequel to the much-praised *House of Cards*, the new king — and let there be no doubt that they are talking of the present heir to the throne — is characterised as a lonely, rather *desperate* figure, jogging around the palace by night, determined by day to carve out a role for himself in a world in which, as monarch, he is only expected to open theme parks and read speeches prepared for him by the hired lackies of Downing Street.

It may be fiction, but it is lucrative fiction, depending for its success not just on immaculate crafting but on an imagined *verisimilitude and the world's prurience*. Gossip is turned in the script of this production into a ersatz source of information on an extremely sensitive subject, and those of us with no personal means of knowing the truth find ourselves, perhaps against our better judgment, believing that this is how it must actually be.

It was different once. In the days when the Lord Chamberlain still had the power to prevent irresponsible mischief-making from being placed before the public, *To Play the King* would have been so cut to ribbons that it would not have been worth screening. Censorship then was not just about pornography, it was also about fair play and decency, and if we do not want it back we should pay heed to at least some past values.

Contempt for royalty permeates the script. The prime minister, Francis Urquhart, played once more by Ian Richardson as a fastidious Machiavelli, is unimpressed during his first audience with the new king by his desire to have real influence and to be remembered as a "good" person. (The king, as played by Michael Kitchen, shares many physical and verbal characteristics with the Prince of Wales.)

"No manners in the ordinary sense," Urquhart confides in us. "No small talk. No apparent sense of irony. It's all tremendously interesting, but he wants to do this every week. He'll have to realise the lonely hearts club is all very well, but I can't afford to fritter my time away in idle chatter."

Richardson, it has since been learnt, is embarrassed by the words put into his mouth and has apologised in writing for his act of *lèse majesté*. "There is a difference", he was reported as saying yesterday, "between objecting to a particular king — such as Edward VIII — and being an anti-monarchist." Very well, then. In return for this vicarious invasion of the prince's privacy — an invasion of which he evidently does not approve — he could give his fee for the part to the Prince's Trust.



Ian Richardson and Michael Kitchen

Still more grotesque is the portrayal of the Princess of Wales. Ridiculed in the script as an aging Sloane Ranger, divorced from Charles and clinging to the arms of an incoherent, drink-sodden peer, she is revealed to be willing to sell the story of her marriage breakup to a tabloid newspaper, and her body to the paper's seedy editor, for £100,000 a year.

Interrogated by Stamper, the government chief whip (an oily villain, played by Colin Jeavons), on her willingness to do the dirty on Charles, she haggles only over the price, but agrees that the libidinous editor, waiting impatiently in the wings, might not be so repulsive as he seems when, as Stamper says, "you get to know him".

And just to complete as unpretty a picture of the royal family as you could imagine, the princess ("okay, ya!") reveals that intimates of her late mother-in-law, the present Queen, once threatened to have her killed if she did not keep her mouth shut about her marriage. If this is not libel by proxy, what is?

But it is "Charles", as the anonymous king, who, narrowly, comes off worst. The princess, at least, is shown as hard done by and of little brain. His majesty's failings are more humiliating. He has been known to "send out for people" in the middle of the night. What kind of people? Prostitutes? We are not told. He does not approve of wives ("you'll be better off without her", he tells a heartbroken aide, jilted by his spouse). His only friend, the same careworn equerry, with whom he shares a palatial shower, turns out to be a latent homosexual; another adviser just "uses him" to air her own views.

He is an unlikely champion, but can anyone disagree with Melvyn Bragg for getting *himself* into a tizz on this issue? Michael Dobbs, who is threatening to sue Bragg for remarks the presenter has had published, claims that *the anti-monarchist* tone is not his, but that of the scriptwriter, Andrew Davies. So can we expect, by way of redress, another donation to the Prince's Trust?

What Dobbs cannot deny is that this scabrous, if entertaining, portrait of Downing Street's attitude to the monarchy was conceived with insider knowledge. Dobbs worked extremely closely with Margaret Thatcher and Conservative central office for years. Are we to believe that this is what *they* thought? Surely not. Or is it just the rising generation of Tories we should keep our eyes on? Either way, as the prince would say, it really is appalling.

WALTER ELLIS

Whatever happened to the hat?

Rachel Kelly on why Englishmen go bare-headed, even in the cold



As recently as 30 years ago, City commuters automatically donned hats. Today, even in snow blizzards, most wouldn't be seen dead in one

Alice got it wrong. It is not hatters who are *mad*, but the hatless, as yesterday morning showed. Even though it was snowing heavily in some parts of Britain, much of the workforce set off without hats. The result was a crop of wet and cold pates in offices up and down the land. No doubt *there will be more this morning*. Especially male pates.

While women seem to realise the virtues of wearing hats, men, give or take a head or two, are topless. How very silly, as Alice might have said. "He that hath no head needs no hat" runs one of those old *English apophthegms*. Of course some men do routinely wear hats, but usually as part of a uniform: traffic wardens still wear hats, and security men wear hats, and army officers wear hats. But most men don't.

This is odd, not just practically, *but historically speaking*. Fifty years ago, an Englishman and a gentleman would no sooner have walked down Piccadilly without his trousers than without his hat. A hat was a badge of respectability, essential for showing deference at the drop of a hat to acquaintances. And it was essential wearing not just for gentlemen. Every class of male had its own type of hat: a topper for toffs, a bowler for gents and a cloth cap for the humble labourer.

As the book *Hats: Status, Style and Glamour* by Colin McDowell shows, male headgear was for centuries pre-eminent, from tribal headdresses to bishops' mitres, from ambassadors' plumed *hats to cardinals' headwear*. Hats for women were, until recently, about covering heads because of a male-imposed insistence on modesty.

For men, hats were about status. The most enduring emblem of all was the top hat for toffs. By its heyday, in the mid-19th century, the topper had reached a height of 20 inches. Indeed, it was because top hats got so tall that James Lock, hatter of St James's Street, London, created the first bowler hat.

The name James Lock is synonymous with English hats. A 19th century diarist tells of an old colonel who, as soon as he arrived in church *on Sunday*, knelt down holding his top hat in front of his face. When asked what he said into his hat, he replied: "I say 'James Lock & Co, hatters, 6 St James's Street, London SW1, to myself three times: Then I know it is time to get up."

The shop still calls a bowler a *Coke hat after a customer to* whose specifications it created the first one in 1850. William Coke, a well-hatted sporting landlord from Norfolk, asked Lock's to design a practical lower-crowned hard felt hat for his gamekeepers, whose tall hats were always being knocked off by branches.

The object was made by a chap called Beaulieu, or according to other sources, Bowler. After a few years, the bowler lost its practical purpose and became a national uniform as a town hat for gentlemen.

The connotations of wealth and status derived in part from the military significance of hats. It is easier, as any soldier will tell you, to salute properly if you are wearing a hat. Army distinctions had slipped into civilian life by Victorian times, and remained *relevant until after the second* world war.

By the 1960s, the ending of national service signalled the end. Until then, an officer in civilian clothes needed to wear a hat to return a *salute if he met a squaddie*. Officers in guards' regiments were expected to carry bowler hats and rolled umbrellas when in civvies.

There are the odd vestigial survivals of such rituals. At Eton, for example, boys still 'cap' their tutors. Until the 1950s, they would have touched their toppers in deference to their beak's mortar board. Neither boy nor teacher wear any such headwear now, but the practice continues as a recognition of one rank to another.

A jockey can still be in *trouble if he doesn't touch his* cap to an owner after a race. And, although MPs earlier this month rebelled against the practice, if a politician wishes to address the Speaker during a division, he needs to don a hat.

By the end of the 1960s, the *hat's repudiation was complete*. It was not just the end of national service, but the rejection of any sort of formality. Hats were badges of gentility and snobbery, out of tune with the times. The only men still wearing them were royal. The future belonged to the liberal of hair, *minus* hat, and *spirit*.

Going hatless removed the need for innumerable social niceties which 1960s hippies were ill-disposed to bother with. Gone was the need to doff a hat to superior or to a woman. Kissing was a far better way to greet the opp*osite sex*.

Thirty years on, we need no longer worry. Any connotation of rank or style has all but departed from the wearing of a hat. Women have learnt the message that hats are fun and practical. As Edna Woolman Chase, the third editor of *American Vogue* wrote: "One smart hat on the head is worth a degree in fashion history."

Women's hats have seen a *growth in popularity in the* past few years, as sales of men's hats have fallen, according to James Lock & Co. As men's interest in hats continues its decline, milliners have plundered the male wardrobe and recreated their hats for women. Few of the bravura *designers of women's hats* want anything to do with men's hats.

Yet a hat can add height and *distinction to a man, and lead* to pats on the head from women, who still love a sailor — or rather anyone dressed in something resembling a uniform. The current cold spell is the perfect excuse for a revival. Seize your hats, *mes amis*. You have nothing to lose but your *wet pates*.

Keeping the faith, at a price

The Dean of Ely defends charging for admission to historic churches



JOHN MANNING

Fees paid for Ely's restored Octagon and Lantern tower

"THERE is no difference between Ely Cathedral and a museum," wrote an angry visitor recently. I get several letters in the same vein every month, and when I became *Dean of Ely in 1991 I knew that* our entry charge, currently £2.60 per adult, would cause anguish.

Admission charges to cathedrals are not new. Trollope, in 1855, writes in *The Warden* of how Mr Harding decided to take sanctuary in Westminster Abbey and "finding the doors not open for morning service, he paid his two pence and entered the abbey as a sightseer". Largely due to the initiative of Frank Bennett, Dean of Chester from 1920 to 1927, English cathedrals and major churches gradually opened their doors free of charge.

For good or ill the wheel of history is turning full circle. Ely *began charging in 1986, to* be followed in 1991 by St Paul's Cathedral, London, and in June of this year by King's College chapel, Cambridge. Such moves are not surprising: the average donation at Ely before 1986 was 34p per head, at St Paul's, 15p.

Any cathedral with an entry fee is used to visitors quoting the story of Jesus ejecting the traders and money lenders from the temple. It is, of course, quite irrelevant. Jesus was concerned that a place of *worship was being used for* private gain, but every penny of admission charges goes towards keeping a cathedral open for worship.

THOSE WHO protest need to remember that a cathedral is also part of Britain's national *heritage. If it were a castle* visitors would expect to pay. To say a church is excluded from charging is to expect the dean and chapter to run the building on fresh air.

It can be strongly argued *that the Christian faith is a* materialistic religion, grounded in incarnational theology, and that Jesus would have approved of the church living in the real world. Many businessmen have hailed Ely's decision to charge. English Heritage is now giving limited *help to Ely: the Lord helps* those who help themselves.

Millions of visitors place enormous stress on the fabric, particularly on the floors. It is no bad thing to have some control over numbers. At Ely we have also discovered that *those who pay to enter take* their visit much more seriously, and spend longer inside.

Yet the heart of the Christian Gospel is that God gives us his love; there is no charge. As a student wrote recently to me, when people come to the cathedral they expect to see "the genuine character of the supposed owner and occupant", and making a charge obscures this. There is a distinct danger that the building will take on the flavour of a museum.

WE TAKE great care that no *one is charged to come to any* service, a chapel is set aside for private prayer to which admission is always free and there is no charge on Sunday. But however sensitively the admission desk operates, it is inevitably seen as a barrier.

In the end, as dean, I have to *accept that reality must* be faced, and that there is no option. If we did not charge admission, we should quickly become bankrupt, and there would be no cathedral to visit.

I resign myself to getting many more hurt and sad letters, and the only way out is *if a fairy godmother comes up* with an endowment of £2 million, the sum needed to ensure that everyone could enter without charge.

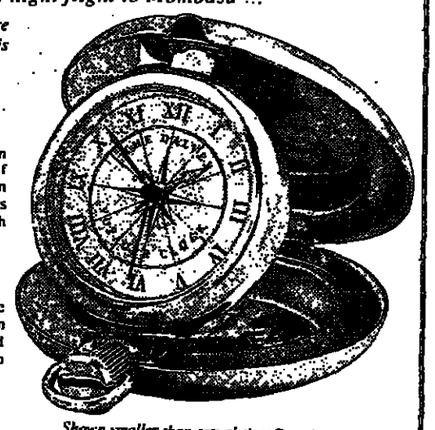
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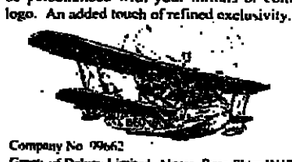
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Safety first: November weather can concentrate air pollution near the ground, aggravating breathing problems and asthmatic illnesses

Inflamed by fumes

Have you got a cold that you can't shake off? Antibiotics don't help? You may be suffering from a virus-related allergy provoked by traffic. **Aileen Ballantyne** reports

If you have been coughing and wheezing for the past month despite being a non-smoker, you may be suffering from a syndrome that respiratory experts believe to be on the increase: virus-related bronchial hyperactivity.

Doctors at the Royal Brompton Heart and Lung Hospital, in London, estimate that the syndrome may have increased by 25 per cent in the past five years. "We do not fully understand why," says Dr Robert Wilson, consultant physician at the Brompton and senior lecturer in respiratory disorders at the National Heart & Lung Institute.

He believes that the viruses, which cause symptoms similar to flu or the common cold, trigger longer-lasting problems. Pollution may also be an important factor in prolonging the symptoms.

A course of antibiotics, the most common response from GPs, will simply not work for such patients, he says. Although they are not asthma sufferers, they *are* likely to be helped by anti-inflammatory nasal drops or the "puffers" used by asthmatics. Such treatment appears to combat the inflammatory response provoked by the initial viral infection, and may even prevent further allergic reactions.

"Anyone who is coughing, wheezing and spitting up phlegm and who does not get better after about a month may need to be referred to a specialist," says Dr Wilson. "Giving anti-inflammatory treatment can mean that instead of dragging on for months, the problem can be dealt with in a few weeks."

November and December weather conditions — cold temperatures coupled with still air, known as temperature inversion, make matters worse. Car exhaust fumes, instead of being blown away by wind, gather in a blanket of cool air at ground level, increasing the overall levels of pollution we breathe in.

Conditions are much better than in the days of the 1952 London smog, which was caused by sulphur dioxide from coal fires and factories and resulted in 4,000 deaths. However, in spite of the Clean Air Act, problems still exist, although today exhaust fumes are the culprits rather than smoke and factory emissions. Two years ago the smog levels caused by pollution combined with temperature inversion caused a noticeable increase in hospital admissions for acute asthma attacks. Pollution levels were as bad as in Los Angeles, where smog warnings are broadcast regularly. Levels of nitrogen dioxide, in particular, were four times higher than World Health Organisation safety limits.

"For anyone with respiratory problems, pollution makes them worse," Dr Wilson says. John Collins, a former City banker, found that car fumes were exacerbating his problems to such an extent that he decided to give up commuting altogether. Now aged 54, he works from home in Croydon, Surrey, as an accountant. "I've never smoked, but, about eight years ago, at the start of every winter, I would get a cold which seemed to make me sensitive to a number of things, particularly traffic fumes," Mr Collins says.



John Collins: fumes forced him to give up commuting

The condition worsened and the number of things he was allergic to, such as oil-seed rape, seemed to increase. "Life was becoming intolerable," he says. "Even a holiday in Amalfi, in Italy, was spoilt by traffic fumes at roadside cafés."

Tests at the Brompton, to which he was referred four weeks ago after repeated attempts to find out what was wrong, showed that his severe nasal congestion, coughing and breathlessness were linked not to chest infections but to an inflammatory response. The treatment — anti-inflammatory nasal drops — has helped greatly, he says. "My quality of life has improved tremendously."

Chest physicians agree that air pollution *makes all existing* respiratory problems worse. The controversy lies in whether or not such pollution is making more people become asthmatic by sensitising their airways and making them more susceptible to other allergens such as pollen or house dust. Dr Malcolm Green, consultant physician in respiratory medicine at the Brompton and chairman of the British Lung Foundation, believes that the impact on our health is too great to be ignored. "We are seeing an increase in asthma in children and adults. There are many causes but, in my opinion, air pollution is likely to be playing a significant part."

When consultants such as Dr Wilson estimate that several thousand people are suffering from a new pollution-related syndrome, it is perhaps time to ask whether the convenience of the car is worth the price in terms of our health. Sufferers are often in their thirties and forties. They are not smokers, or asthmatic — all that has happened, it seems, is that they have contracted a cold or flu virus — and have then been exposed to too many traffic fumes.

Unfulfilled dreams from the genes

Scientists say unravelling the genetic code could help to end Alzheimer's disease. Far from it, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

The initial reaction to seeing a patient with an early dementing illness is to initiate a flurry of investigations on the slim chance that they might throw up an underlying treatable cause.

When these tests prove negative, the remaining possibility is Alzheimer's disease, which will be drearily confirmed in the following years by the unremitting loss of higher mental functions so typical of the condition.

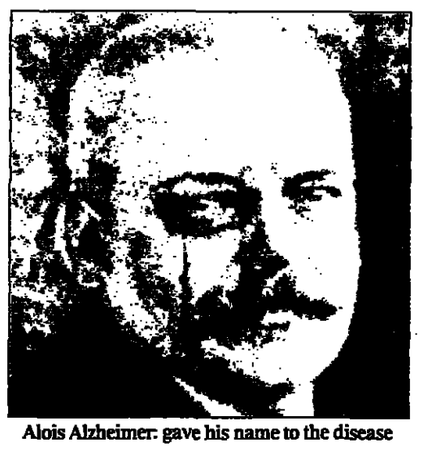
Alzheimer's is a dead-end diagnosis without a glimmer of hope. For medical researchers, the search for its cause has become a priority — and where better to start looking than in the genes?

Here it is possible to say without hyperbole that developments over the last six years have been staggering. No fewer than three different genes from three separate chromosomes have been independently and separately linked with the disease — and there are almost certainly others still to be discovered.

This might sound encouraging, but paradoxically it is not; indeed it has revolutionised the understanding of the genetic contribution to disease in a most undesirable way. The allure of genetic explanations has always been their simplicity: a single defect in the genetic code gives rise to an abnormal protein or enzyme, which in turn causes the disease. Find the gene, analyse the defect and therapeutic possibilities arise. But here we have a profusion of abnormal genes; simplicity has given way to an incomprehensible complexity.

Clearly, this is very important, although its true significance is difficult to grasp. Particularly welcome then is a humanistic account of the discoveries of the past few years — *Hannah's Heirs: genetic origins of Alzheimer's disease* — published this week (OUP, £16.95). Its author, Dr Daniel Pollen, is an American neurologist who was drawn into research on Alzheimer's through Jeff, one of his patients, who developed the classical signs of the disease in his early fifties.

Jeff, of Russian-Jewish dissent, his family being scattered by anti-Semitic persecution, had a remarkable genealogical record. This showed that his mother and three of her siblings had died early from a dementing illness, presumably Alzheimer's, as had his grandmother and three of her siblings and Hannah, his great-grandmother.



Alois Alzheimer: gave his name to the disease

The awesome significance of this family tree for understanding the genetics of Alzheimer's was not lost on Dr Pollen. Trying to find an abnormal gene in the billions of letters in the human genetic code is considerably more difficult than finding a needle in the proverbial haystack, but the task is made infinitely easier, thanks to a genetic technique known as linkage analysis, when many close relatives are affected.

The discovery of the first gene involved in Alzheimer's, however, came from a completely different direction. Those with Down's syndrome — caused by an extra chromosome 21 — who survive into their forties, have a high incidence of Alzheimer's, so it was logical to look for the defective gene on this chromosome. This was duly pinpointed in 1987 but, to Dr Pollen's surprise, the defect — though found in the genes of other families with a strong history of the disease — was not present in those of Jeff and his family.

It was not until last year, after a prolonged search for more affected relatives in Russia and Israel to increase the numbers available for linkage analyses, that the defect in Jeff's family was located on chromosome 14. Almost immediately, a further genetic abnormality in yet another Alzheimer's family was found on chromosome 19. It is highly probable that other as-yet undiscovered genes are also implicated.

Dr Pollen's account provides useful insights into the methods and aspirations of those at the cutting edge of genetic research. Understandably, he concludes on an upbeat note: "We are now long past the dark of midnight and reach with confidence towards the brightening dawn."

It is difficult to share this optimism. It now seems that much conventional thinking about the genetic role in disease comes from the exceptional situations where a single gene defect causes a single disease. But here there is not a simple chain of causation, but multiple networks, each like a spider's web, in which a perturbation at any point changes the tension of every fibre right back to its anchorage. Everything is interconnected and the genetic complexity so typical of Alzheimer's almost certainly applies to all the many other chronic diseases in which we have been tantalisingly promised that the unravelling of the genetic code will reveal all.

From this perspective, a true understanding of the workings of our genes will, like the mystery of life to which they give rise, remain forever elusive.

Far too green to end it all

Jeremy Laurance on why suicides should not choose a new car

A MAN who tried to commit suicide by breathing car exhaust fumes discovered how protecting the environment saves lives. He sat for an hour with a hose-pipe funnelling the fumes into the passenger compartment but failed to end it all because his car was fitted with a catalytic converter.

The man, aged 26, had left a suicide note but was apparently unaware of the technological advance in car pollution control. He was treated at the accident and emergency department of the Royal London Hospital ten minutes after being removed from the car, and recovered completely.

The case, reported in *The Lancet*, is the second to demonstrate the efficacy of catalytic converters which doctors hope will lead to the first drop in male suicides for 20 years. Last year the *British Medical Journal* reported the case of a 43-year-old man who recovered after five hours breathing exhaust fumes in a car fitted with a converter.

Carbon monoxide poisoning normally causes loss of consciousness within a few minutes and death within half an hour but catalytic converters cut emissions by 90 per cent. The carbon monoxide level in the man's blood was 6.6 per cent, only just above the level that would be normal for an urban smoker.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is the commonest method of suicide among young men, claiming 1,000 lives a year. However, since January, catalytic converters have been mandatory in all new cars sold in Britain and by the year 2000 would-be suicides will be hard-pressed to find a vehicle suitable for the purpose. That year also happens to be the deadline for the government's target 15 per cent reduction in the suicide rate under its Health of the Nation strategy.

Experts have long known that suicide rates depend on the availability of a method. When it is removed, some people find alternative means of taking their lives but many do not. In the 1960s, putting your head in the gas oven was the commonest method of suicide until carbon monoxide levels in town gas were lowered and it was later replaced by non-toxic North Sea gas. The overall suicide rate fell by a third.

DR JOHN HENRY, consultant at the National Poisons Information Service at Guy's Hospital, said the switch to catalytic converters would reduce deaths. "People will still die if they sit breathing the fumes for long enough but they should have more time to change their minds." With traditional car exhausts, there was no going back.

In the US, where emission controls were introduced in 1968, suicides by car exhaust among men fell sharply up to 1980 but have since risen as determined suicides have discovered how to bypass the converters. The Samaritans said that anything which made suicide more difficult was to be welcomed but removal of a method would not improve the emotional well-being of the community.

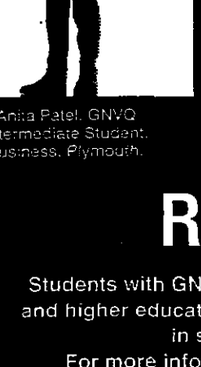
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■ Irrelevant moral judgments are giving hypocrisy a bad name

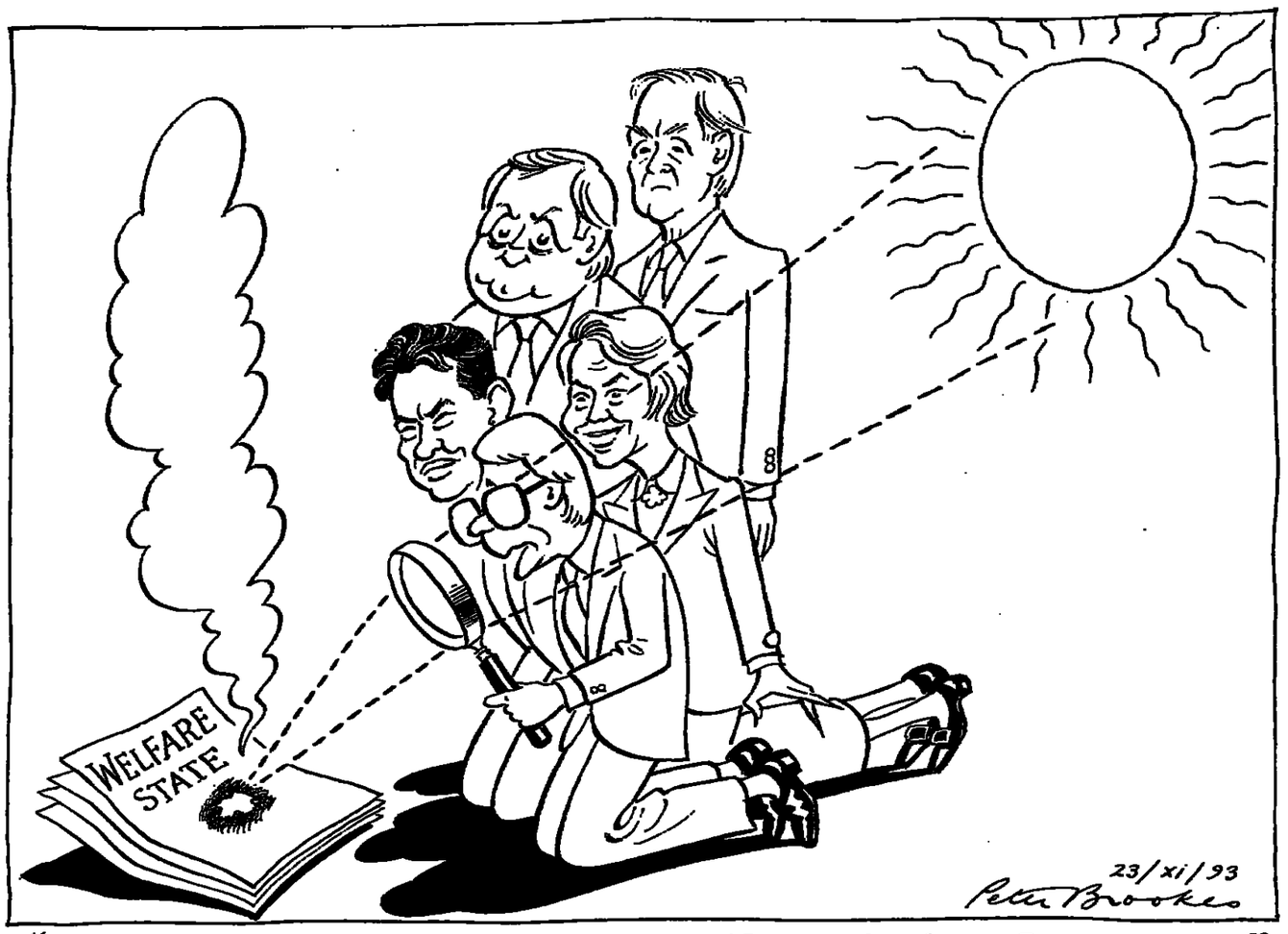
Alas I am confused again. I don't understand why pinpointing hypocrisy (or fingering the humbugs, a nicer image) has become such a popular pastime. Seek out imposture, by all means, but beware the moral *non sequitur* — it is bringing the sport into disrepute. Take River Phoenix. No sooner is the poor confused Hollywood pack-brat cool in his cowboy boots than significant nudge-nudge questions are asked about his precious vegetarianism. "Call yourself a *vegetarian*, River?" they say, those head-shaking, finger-waving defenders of truth; "Yeah, River. Hey. But how exactly do you reconcile this, like, environmental idealism with your habit of stuffing enough coke up your nose to upholster a small settee?"

But where is the contradiction here? Unless Mr Phoenix also crammed powder up the noses of itsy-bitsy bunny rabbits, there surely isn't one. The trouble is that if hypocrisy is a full-time job (as Somerset Maugham once asserted), then humbug-fingering works overtime. Sometimes we seem to live in a swirling world abandoned by moral logic. A friend of mine, who writes feminist books, recently objected in print that an interviewer had misdescribed her attire. The "old cardigan" she had worn was in fact an expensive designer item, she explained. Immediately the humbug-fingerers sprang into action. "As a self-confessed feminist," thundered one correspondent, "why is this woman admitting she wears designer clothes?"

Actually, there are worse sins than hypocrisy. Yet somehow we are only really convinced someone has been truly collared when *Private Eye* exposes the shadow between the grandiloquent word and the grimy deed with a conclusive "And who did this? Why, step forward, Beverton's Plastics". But satire too often stretches the point, and looks silly. Rory Bremner's Saturday night "Where Are They Now?" slot this week featured Baroness Thatcher, and naturally one warmed one's hands in expectation of a satirical bull's-eye. But in fact the accusation of hypocrisy was so squibby and feeble it dribbled to earth without an audible pop. In earlier times, evidently, Margaret Thatcher's government pledged to halve teenage smoking by 1993 (does anyone remember this, by the way?) — and where is she now? Why, working for a multinational tobacco company! Well, big deal. Even if you think this form of employment is utterly scandalous, you will agree that Lady Thatcher's questionable personal hypocrisy in the matter is the very least aspect of its interest.

Now clearly we do need these truffle-pigs to sniff out the impostors. Since few hypocrites are, by definition, self-proclaimed (imagine the eye-catching association car-stickers: "Humbug, anyone?"), we need people to sort these things out, to remember when the adulterous politician made the "family values" speech, and expose the rat to ridicule. But what if he never made that speech? Is he therefore less wrong? The triumph of moral relativism means that almost nobody nowadays makes a personal claim to virtue anyway — which is why the socialist, feminist, vegetarian cuts such a lonely and conspicuous figure, especially if he also wears leather shoes and employs a cleaning lady. Stand up for something, and people will rush to expose the holes in your moral fabric. As la Rochefoucauld wrote (I looked this up), hypocrisy is the homage paid by vice to virtue.

But I suppose what really gets up my nose (as opposed to River Phoenix's, or the dope-fiend bunny rabbit's), is that the whole process of exposing cant is a form of childish petulance. "You *said*!" "No, I didn't." "You *did*!" Likewise, the glee of "Call yourself green, nah, nah, but *I don't see you cutting down on the oxygen you inhale*" is exactly on a par of sophistication with "My dad's bigger than your dad". Anyway, I still wake up at night wondering why feminists are obliged to punish themselves with cheap clobber. I rack my brain, but I just don't remember where it was written in the first articles, "And yea, ye shall spurn Nicole Fahri, and likewise Paddy Campbell shall be an abomination unto you." After all, if feminists didn't buy decent gear, what sort of cast-offs would the cleaning ladies get?



"WE'RE SIMPLY LOOKING CLOSELY AT ALL SPENDING"

Of moths and flames

Amid the news of suffering and evil there is still heroism and intrepid endeavour, even if sometimes it is quite pointless

Bernard Levin

It is well known that mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun: what is less well known is that they are so eager to have their brains fried that they are not only quite happy to crash the plane they are flying in, but are also happy to wander about the uncharted jungle in which they land (upside down, as it happens), though they are aware that the jungle in question is crawling with snakes and tigers.

The story was recently told by our technology correspondent; for those who missed it, I must rehearse the salient features.

A mad (oh, *how* mad) Oxford post-graduate, Charles Cockell by name and 26 years by age, had gathered a band of similar lunatics (oh, *how* similar) for an expedition to Indonesia. (I shall shortly reveal the reason, though you won't believe it — nobody could.) Mr Cockell's group were altogether ten in number: we know the names of two of the intrepid explorers, *viz.*, Edwina Ashton, who was the same age as Mr Cockell, and Daniel Barker, 21. Flying over the Sumatran jungle (to heighten your incredulity I must tell you that Master Cockell was flying the plane himself, though whether he knew anything about planes is not clear, and for all I know he was picking up the science as he went along), the plane naturally crashed. Not content with any ordinary crash, Mr Cockell managed to steer the plane into three somersaults as he hit the ground. The plane was, of course, entirely destroyed.

Meanwhile, Miss Ashton and Mr Barker, far away, had had something of a set-back: their truck had broken down. Nothing daunted, they went for a stroll in the jungle (perhaps they were hoping that some chivalrous Cetewayo would pop out and steer them home), despite the fact that they knew it was crawling with snakes and roaring with tigers. They trudged on, happily meeting no fierce enemy of man, to headquarters; I have no information as to what they said when they found that their only means of transport had gone up in smoke or pieces or both, but it has just occurred to me that young Cockell would be the man to get close to in an emergency: it is true that he would have caused the emergency himself and for that matter absent-mindedly set fire to the fire-escape, but ("Throwing off his jacket, in one bound Jack was free") he would somehow shepherd all his charges to safety.

If you have doubts, prepare to shed them now. The expedition's transport no longer existed; how then were they to accomplish their mission, or even get out of the jungle alive? I dare say that at that point the members of the band must have turned downcast faces to our hero, but there was nothing downcast about our hero's mien. No plane, no truck, no rescue party? No; but Mr Cockell was equal — nay, more than equal — to the occasion. He hired a herd of elephants as vehicles; slower than aeroplanes and Land-Rovers no doubt, but an elephant (and even more, a herd of elephants) will always get through.

So, you must be thinking, will Mr Cockell. But here is the test of your unbelief; I told you that I would reveal the nature of the expedition, and so I shall, but I am resigned to facing a barrage of accusations, all of them insisting that I should not tell such monstrous lies. Planes crashing, transport broken down, danger from the jungle, yes — all of that can be swallowed. This further truth cannot. Ladies and gentlemen, Mr Cockell's expedition was not to seek buried gold, nor to find Prester John, nor to chart Atlantis; the explorers were looking for a rare moth, to be found only where they were searching. And before you pelt me with rotten cabbages, let me tell you this: the crashed plane had had a net hanging from the underside of the bottom of the fuselage, and the moths were supposed to be swept up into the net as the plane flew over the moths' habitat.

Now you can pelt me with rotten cabbages.

But you may not pelt Mr Cockell and his intrepid band with anything — anything, that is, except plaudits. For despite my jocularity, I come here to praise this endeavour, to wish it well, to see it brought unhurt home, and to hope that the moths were in the bag.

We live in a beastly time.

> Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;
> Little we see in Nature that is ours.

Little? Truly, nothing. Noise and dust cover our world; beauty is far to seek; hate wells up again and again. I took a vow, when the Yugoslav horror began, not to write about it, and I kept my vow; I realised that I would have nothing to say that would be of any use to anyone, even if I could discover who was who and which were the villains and which the innocents. But, much less commendably, I have not read about the horrors; every day, I simply turn the page. I could chicken out by saying the same thing: that I have no suggestion or solution that would be worth as much as a pencil-tip to write it down, but it would not be true. The truth is that I don't want to know about these things. I have spent most of my life facing evil, or reading about it, or trying to do something about it, and I am sick of it: *que l'humanité se débrouille sans moi.*

Why do I spend more and more of my time with music? Not as a refuge, but for the realisation that life is finite, and the less we have the more we must use it. Why do you think I write less and less about the news? Not because I have run out of things to say about the news, nor even the dreadful things that the news daily reveals. It is because the things *sub specie aeternitate* are not only the most interesting things, but they are the ones that bring meaning into our lives, or at least mine.

I would not offer the impertinence of applause to Charles Cockell for what he and his companions have done. Though I have made light of his magnificent obsession it is no light weight to put on the scales of achievement. Believe me, sir, you have lit a candle that will not soon burn out: when you come back to London, just look around you, and you will see that

> The walls are hung with velvet that is black and soft as sin,
> And little dwarfs creep out of it and little dwarfs creep in.

But you at least can help to tear down the velvet and crush the dwarfs under your heels. It gives a wonderful lift of the heart to realise that what the Cockell expedition was seeking was God's most fragile gift to the earth, the most delicate of all Heaven's creatures.

Consider: the moth you seek may not be beautiful; suppose it comes clad in drab? But you did not, I guess, look for beauty, even though it might be found. You did not think, I am certain, that there was pecuniary reward at the end of your travail: an exhibition of rare Indonesian moths would not lead to huge queues waiting for hours to get into the Victoria & Albert Museum. And certainly you were not racing another expedition to be the first to bring back the rarest moth in the world.

Then what were that bright and brave group of ten young men and women doing? What were they trying to tell us? A grim phrase in itself, and I should imagine unintelligible to them. Would they settle, though, for being told that they had done something with absolutely no point to it? I would be proud of such an encomium: the world is full of people going about their business with intent to do something, and it is time that there should be people willing and eager going about no discernible business with no intention of doing anything. The members of the Cockell expedition, by contributing to that philosophy, have shown us a great deal. Obviously, the hardships and risks must count, but there is something much more important. James Elroy Flecker — does anyone but me read him now? Probably not, but the moment I read of Charles Cockell and his friends and what they were doing, I turned to those lines of his:

> For lust of knowing what should not be known,
> We take the Golden Road to Samarkand.

Samarkand and Sumatra, they are all one. But there is something I have spotted that they may have overlooked; something, moreover, which would go far to make their burdens a touch lighter. Do they realise that they are literally chasing moths from the backs of elephants?

Descent of the family

Domestic life needs a neighbourhood, says **Libby Purves**

Back in 1837, the young Charles Darwin scribbled out a list of pros and cons of marriage: "Children (if it please God) — constant companion (friend in old age) who will feel interested in one, object to be beloved and played with — better than a dog anyhow — Home, and someone to take care of house — charms of music and female chit-chat. These things good for one's health. Forced to visit and receive relations but *terrible loss of time* . . . the expense and anxiety of children — less money for books etc." Two years later he was married. The family seemed to him, in the end, worth giving up some freedoms for. Historically, indeed, it has been mainly the eccentric loners and those with all-encompassing vocations who have voluntarily rejected family life. Even they have built structures which mimicked it.

But what now? Tomorrow, under the title "The Family — Crisis or Change?", the National Council for One-Parent Families opens its 75th anniversary conference. Its director, Sue Slipman, will repeat her spirited defence of single mothers and plead for the diversity of today's families to be recognised: but since few people would seriously argue against the ideal of a stable, happy, two-parent family, we should perhaps look in that direction too. If we want "traditional" families, we need a climate in which they can thrive.

It was interesting that in a recent Times/MORI poll, most respondents supported marriage: but unskilled workers and people on benefits saw far less point in it than the middle classes did. Combine this with the pattern of undereducated young men, left permanently unemployed by the decline of staple industries, who today refuse any responsibility for their children, and you get a disturbing sense of an emerging class to whom family life is all that Darwin dreaded — loss of time, expense and anxiety, less money for pleasure — with nothing to value. With no income, no home, no decent neighbourhood life, what is there (short of instinct, which in young men may be weak) to bind an adult to a baby, let alone to the baby's other parent?

In debating the family, we talk far too much about "morality", and media influence, and even (in the case of the Archbishop of York) Mills & Boon, and far too little about community. Admittedly, town and country planning are less fun to talk about than sex and psychobabble, but it might help if we raised our eyes to notice how many "improvements" and "modernisations" since the war have impoverished community and family life in Britain.

We have been desperately perverse: the design of housing estates and urban traffic plans since the 1950s has contributed very powerfully to making the business of staying at home to rear children as miserable as possible. The streets where once the children played, the safe parks, the communal facilities are lost, run down, or carelessly centralised in a stupid attempt to make the stuff of daily life resemble multinational business, with "economies of scale". We have huge schools to which children are bussed, cutting parents off from teachers. Cottage hospitals have gone, so that even for simple maternity or geriatric care, long journeys await the most vulnerable and their families. Vainglorious leisure centres have sprung up at the expense of the neighbourhood park or playing-field: petty regulation has closed local shops, halls and schools.

We have made a god of the motor-car, creating great tracts of dangerous tarmac which discourage pedestrians and cyclists — the young and the poor — and create an anonymous environment which leads to crime and its equally destructive shadow, the fear of crime. The police have retreated into cars and vans; pedestrians have been forced into rank underpasses. The life of the streets has declined, leaving nuclear families to stew in their own sour air around the television, until the teenagers break out onto the dangerous streets their parents dread. Public transport — except in London in the brief reign of Ken Livingstone at the Greater London Council — has become a luxury, which has further cut individuals adrift.

You can, of course, buy your way into a community: a leafy, secure suburb, a private garden square, a prosperous network of friends and small schools. The middle classes always could buy clean air; today they also buy the kind of community which is remembered so nostalgically by old people who were poor in the 1930s. It is no surprise that unskilled workers and benefit claimants are more likely to give up on the idea of the family, for it has been made uncomfortable for them. And all the while, government throws increasing burdens on remaining families, offering ever less community care for the very young, the very old and the mentally ill.

If young men reject family responsibilities and young women start up odd benefit-driven tribes, perhaps they are doing the logical thing? If Darwin was making his list today and envisaged being poor, he might decide that in the jungle we have built, survival of the fittest is best achieved by prowling alone, or changing partners with animal insouciance. Where communities decline, the family does too. The walk to school, the park, the safe street, the recognisable policeman, the stable neighbourhood are as much part of a family's life as its own hearth. There is, in short, such a thing as society.

Back to winners

LIFE is tough for Cheltenham's dwindling band of Conservatives. No sooner had they got over the unpleasantness over selection of the black candidate John Taylor than they promptly lost the seat at the general election. Nor have things improved much since — Taylor recently ruled himself out of any future fight with the town's resurgent Liberal Democrats.

Now, with the deadline for selecting a candidate to fight the next election fast approaching, a nostalgic claque of party activists has come to the conclusion that the best way forward could be one big step back. In short, the leafy avenues of the Cotswold town are beginning to echo to the cry of "Bring back Charles".

The idea is not without merit, for Sir Charles Irving, who held Cheltenham for 18 years, has the distinction of being the last Tory to defeat the Lib Dems' Nigel Jones (who beat Taylor last year), defeating him by nearly 11,000 votes at the 1979 election.

As one stalwart puts it: "There's a feeling that nothing has gone right since we lost Charles. It's a case of not appreciating what we had until we lost him."

Irving, who at 70 remains a councillor and local philanthropist, is flattered and does not rule out a return to the parliamentary fray, but says: "I have been preparing myself for the cemetery not the House of Commons. I would certainly want to be given plenty of time to think about it."

Former mayor Bill Bullingham is more doubtful, describing Irving as a "little long in the tooth". So unless Cheltenham's old stager can be persuaded, the joint favourites to win next month's selection battle are local businesswoman Alison McNair, who stood in Greenwich last year, and former mayor Robert Wilson, who lost out to Taylor.

But Irving, who as a former chairman of the Commons' catering committee is still missed by Westminster's trenchermen, is warming to the idea. "If I stood again I think I would win it back."

● *As news emerges of John Major's promise to help the Prince of Wales carve out a proper role for himself, the screenwriter of BBC1's* To Play the King *admits to finding the coincidence with the serial "a little too spooky". "I wonder if he was watching," says Andrew Davies, who adapted Michael Dobbs's novel. Well, stranger things and all that — the screening of Dobbs's first book,* House of Cards, *depicting the ousting of a Tory prime minister, coincided with the dethronement of Margaret Thatcher.*

DIARY

Farm history

THE OLD GUARD of the farming fraternity will have to set aside its prejudices at the Oxford Farming Conference in January. For the first time in its 48-year history, the conference has invited a black speaker to take the podium.

Only this summer, the president of the National Farmers Union, David Naish, was forced to broadcast an apology on Radio 4 after he said that farmers had been "working like blacks" to fill in forms for the EC.

Naish has not yet indicated whether he will be among the 500 farmers in Oxford to listen to Mike Espy, the American agriculture secretary from Mississippi. But George Macpherson, the conference secretary, believes farmers will welcome the breakthrough. "It may come as a shock to some because they don't know that he is black," he says. "But having a tough-talking black American with a rich accent can only be good." Well, at least they'll have accents in common.

● *With the lyricism that only the end of a stint as Arts Council chairman can bring, Lord Palumbo was fulsome in his praise of the heritage secretary, Peter Brooke, as he presented the Prudential arts awards at Grosvenor House on Sunday night. Brooke was "a just shepherd to the arts community", who realised that the arts are a "national asset" which do not "respond to pruning". Pruned sheep?*

High and mighty

THE National Trust's emblem of an acorn and one or two oak leaves is fast maturing. In fact, by 1995, the year of the trust's centenary celebrations, it will have become an oak tree. Designers have come up with a new logo of the tree, resplendent with acorns, set against a bright-shining sun.

But before the trust's two million members take up arms against the design, it should be made clear that the new logo is to be used only for events in connection with the centenary. "The acorn logo will always continue," says a spokesman. "We have designed an emblem, which is not due to be launched until next year, for our centenary."

Pandora's field-day

IT IS not just the end of the century that is causing confusion. The fact that December 26 lands on a Sunday this year has caused more than the odd raised eyebrow. Can Boxing Day be on a Sunday? Or should it be the Monday?

According to *The Oxford English Dictionary*, Boxing Day is the "first weekday after Christmas Day, observed as a holiday in which post men, errand boys and servants of various kinds expect to receive Christmas boxes".



The employment department, which would no doubt prefer the servants to be working rather than unwrapping presents, disagrees. "We have had this question before, and it's Sunday, definitely. Monday is a public holiday, but Boxing Day is the day after Christmas — Sunday in this case."

The Treasury, which sees "no reason why it should not be on Monday", hedges its bets. A spokesman says: "It's a matter of religious interpretation." Not so, says the Church of England. "The day after Christmas Day isn't Boxing Day at all. It's St Stephen's Day. Boxing Day is a secular custom and has nothing to do with Christianity. In the East, by the way, St Stephen's Day is on the 27th. Christmas is on January 6, and they don't have Boxing Day."

● *A nice piece of peer-upmanship by the Liberal Democrats. They have two new members on the European Communities committee in the Upper House. Both, like their leader Lord Jenkins, are former EC Commissioners. But while one, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, was sent by Britain, the other, Lord Dahrendorf, represents Germany. Dahrendorf, the warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, adopted British nationality in 1988.*

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KILLER AT LARGE

Police interviews must be better monitored

All that can be said with absolute certainty about the acquittal of George Heron at Leeds Crown Court on Sunday is that the murderer of seven-year-old Nikki Allan is still at large. Had Mr Heron's confession to Northumbria police been judged admissable by Mr Justice Mitchell, the jury might have returned a different verdict. Yet the allegedly "oppressive" and "gratuitously offensive" manner in which the defendant was interviewed by officers completely undermined the prosecution. Once this evidence was thrown out of court, the case against Mr Heron collapsed.

Interviewing suspects has become an increasingly complex duty for the police. The 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE), introduced to protect suspects from unjust treatment in custody, has imposed an extraordinary bureaucratic burden upon officers — who must now fill out as many as 30 forms in some cases. But as paperwork has increased, so has the public demand for convictions. In a case as emotive as the brutal murder of a child, the line between incisive, effective questioning and aggressive interrogation must be easy for overworked officers to cross.

Detective Chief Superintendent Barry Stewart of Northumbria police has conceded that "certain things could have been done differently" in this investigation. Unhappy comparisons have already been drawn with the case of the so-called "Cardiff Three", who were cleared of the murder of Lynette White after it was established that police officers had "bullied and hectored" them in a "travesty of an interview".

Though the extent of procedural abuse should not be exaggerated, it seems clear that PACE is not being followed with sufficient rigour in many instances. Such procedures are important not simply because they protect civil liberties, but because they support confidence in the criminal justice system as a whole. Mr Heron's acquittal has made the law look an ass.

In the British legal system, the uncorroborated confession is still enough to secure a conviction: an axiom which the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice rightly endorsed. If police are to pursue their enquiries on this basis — that a confession of guilt is enough — they have a responsibility to ensure that the evidence that they submit to the courts is sound. If the right to silence is abolished, as Michael Howard, the home secretary, proposes, this responsibility will grow considerably. In the future, police must expect tapes of interviews to be scrutinised for signs of verbal coercion with merciless rigour.

This is a matter which the reformed police authorities should address as a matter of urgency. It should also inform Mr Howard's ideas as he drafts the new criminal justice bill. Police officers still need better training in the requirements of PACE. In particular, Section 58 of the 1984 act, entitling any person in custody to a solicitor, must be enforced more strictly. Surprisingly few defendants exercise this right. Those that do are are often poorly advised by junior legal representatives.

Mr Howard should heed the royal commission's warning that some suspects "sign away their rights without sufficient thought", and enact its recommendations to make the opting out procedure far more formal. He should consider making the presence of a fully qualified lawyer compulsory in interviews involving more serious crimes. In the first six hours of interview, Mr Heron had access only to a legal executive. Had he been properly advised, the court's time might not have been wasted and Nikki Allan's family spared a great deal of distress.

PIZZA POLITICS

Italian democrats must learn from the protest votes

It is easy to look at the results of the municipal elections in Italy's main cities, cast one's memories back 70 years and shiver. Neo-fascists, most prominently represented by Alessandra Mussolini, a granddaughter of *Il Duce*, are battling ex-communists for control of Italy's politics. Once again, angry voters, disillusioned with the corruption, stagnation and criminal conniving of morally bankrupt established parties, have flocked to the simplistic sloganeering of populist demagogues. Is Italy turning its back on its postwar democratic heritage and entrusting its future to three parties of protest, the Italian Social Movement, the Party of Democratic Socialism and the Northern Leagues?

The election results are certainly a blow to the dwindling credibility of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi's caretaker government of technocrats. The coalition represents parties that have been comprehensively rejected by the electorate. They may still hang together until April, because each party knows it would be hanged separately in any new poll. There is the added incentive, itself indicative of the personal interests that have so discredited Italian democracy, that by April the government will have completed two years in office, and the deputies, most of whom will not be re-elected, will be assured nevertheless of a state pension.

Signor Ciampi can now only limp along, his authority undermined, his room for bold new policies restricted. But larger worries need not be entertained just yet. A closer look at the results should allay some fears. None of the winning parties captured even half the vote, and none established nationwide predominance. The only mayoral candidate who won an immediate and impressive victory was Leoluca Orlando, the anti-Mafia campaigner in Sicily, who at considerable personal risk won a resounding 75 per cent of the vote in Palermo.

The results are less an endorsement of rotten ideology than a howl of protest at the rotten state of the Italian body politic. The virtual annihilation of the Christian Democrat vote is fitting nemesis for an abuse of power that has lasted more than 40 years. Clean, young, reforming politicians are aghast that the centre, both left and right, has collapsed. But they must ask themselves whether, after all the revelations of the past two years, it could have been saved, even with a change of name and a lengthy confession of past sins.

In the end, it is probably healthier for the old timeservers to be purged, the reforming centrists to regroup and a period of opposition used to formulate new policies, new thinking and new morals.

Sunday's protest vote does not necessarily predict a similar revolutionary outcome to the next general election. Many voters may hesitate before splitting Italy in two, entrusting the country to an ex-communist party that still harbours the anti-market tendencies of the hard left, or provoking a new march on Rome by Signora Mussolini and her neo-fascist cronies. The new mayors, directly elected for the first time and thus more directly responsible for their actions, will have to prove themselves in office. Such responsibilities may modify even the more extreme electoral rhetoric. Meanwhile, Italy's chastened democrats have suffered a shock. They must absorb the lessons and offer something better. Italians, and many others in Western Europe, will still be watching anxiously.

WHITE BLANKET

Being surprised by the weather is a peculiar British pleasure

Snow in November: shock horror to remember. If it is not so already, some such outlandish proverb ought to be part of the drift of witless weather wisdom in which British folklore has been rich from time unthawable. Only a centimetre of the white and fluffy stuff needs to fall for chaos to consume the roads and new white graphics to burst on the television screens. You would think that snow was as rare as a ministerial apology.

Yesterday Labour's abominable snowmen called on the prime minister to boost special cold weather payments "to help millions of poor and nearly poor who will freeze this winter". A joker on behalf of British Rail, sticking to the slogan of back to basics and still wounded by the last time when "the wrong kind of snow" brought its newest trains to a shuddering halt, claimed that BR had sent out thousands of its staff with long-handled brooms to unblock points. He did not have to wait long for the BR PR men to arrive and declare that his statement was inoperative. As usual, according to scripture, many were cold, but few were frozen.

The weather industry made a meal of the snow. Motoring organisations got their names published and broadcast with military hyperbole about "white alert" and banal advice to motorists to de-ice windscreens and headlights before setting off, to allow extra journey time, and to drive with extreme caution. Celebrity weather forecasters were for once nearly geographically accurate when they spoke about Siberian weather, for that is approximately the direction whence the early snow is coming. The Meteorological Office prudently hedged its bets about long-term prognostication, and the bookmakers marginally reduced their parsimonious odds on a white Christmas. Caring organisations seized the snow to fret about trench foot for the homeless and VAT on fuel bills. It was apparently so cold that the hens were laying their eggs from a standing position.

In spite of being islanders in the northern latitudes next to the Atlantic Ocean, where snow comes in the package with the geography, Britons are continually surprised by snow. But it still falls. London is having proper snow for the first time for 24 years. But in 1885, it fell on London on September 25. In the golden age before weather experts, snow was reported in London in 1658 (old style) on September 12.

Britain's unpredictable winter snow is cold and wet and inconvenient. It makes travel for all, and life for some, more difficult and dangerous than usual. In less exciting climates snow comes as regularly as the reminders to pay income tax. But to wake up in the morning and see the world unexpectedly turned white overnight is a peculiarly British pleasure. Snow recreates everything as an abstract painting, blotting out the errors and mess of the past. At no other time does the whole world seem composed of one thing, and one thing only. Less happy climates have good or bad weather. Britain has just weather. And the dangerous pleasure of being surprised by it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fear of oppressive police questioning

From Mr Anthony Edwards

Sir, There will be concern at the loss of evidence in the Nikki Allan case (report, November 22) because it was rendered unreliable by oppressive police questioning. There should be even greater anxiety at the apparent lack of concern on the part of senior police officers that such questioning occurred. That such questioning has been the practice for many years does not excuse its continued use. The Audit Commission has already commented on the ineffectiveness of much detective work (report, November 4).

The Home Office and the police have written training packages on proper investigative interviewing, which appear to be unknown to many police officers. It is certainly not much used. Solicitors who work in police stations are daily abused and threatened when they insist that police officers follow its requirements. Solicitors come unhappily to live with this position, but the police will continue to lose cases if they do not learn to use interviews only to investigate.

The home secretary's present proposals on the abolition of the "right to silence" give entirely the wrong message to the police. They will encourage the continued absence of proper investigative work which alone should be the basis for questioning, and on which suspects can then freely decide whether or not to comment.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY EDWARDS,
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Park House,
29 Mile End Road, E1.
November 22.

Civil service savings

From the General Secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association

Sir, The claim by William Waldegrave, the public services minister, that market-testing civil service work has already saved the taxpayer £100 million is difficult to take seriously (Facilities Management report, November 17).

The minister, who over the course of just 12 months has progressively revised downwards, from 25 to 14 per cent, the level of anticipated savings, has so far failed to publish a single piece of evidence to substantiate any of his figures, despite numerous challenges to do so. If the evidence exists, why not put it on the record?

Also, £37 million of taxpayers' money has been spent over the last two years on private consultancy firms employed by departments and agencies to advise on market-testing.

There is no great mystery as to why private contractors have not won as many government contracts as they expected. These companies have been out-performed by the in-house civil service teams and at a lower cost.

Yours sincerely,
BARRY A. REAMSBOTTOM,
General Secretary,
Civil and Public
Services Association,
160 Falcon Road, SW11.
November 18.

Cricketing double

From Mr E. H. Ruston

Sir, Like Mr Jack Porter (letter, November 18), I too passed through Lord's on my way to aircrew training to have the privilege of learning Morse code in the visitors' dressing room, and I too hold a record not too dissimilar to his.

In a career in which he scored many thousands of runs, I saw Don Bradman bat twice, once in 1934 at Fenner's, where he was bowled fourth ball by J. G. W. Davies for 0, and again at the Oval in 1948, when for a similar score he succumbed second ball to Hollies.

This is a double I do *not* treasure!

Yours etc,
E. H. RUSTON,
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Houghton,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Daniel Lightman

Sir, I don't see how a television replay could have shown Gower *driving* his first ball in Test cricket for four (Mr Cockerell's letter, November 22). *Wisden* 1979 reports (p300) that "the quality of the batting was immediately raised when Gower nonchalantly pulled his first ball in Tests — a long-hop from Liaqat — for four".

Mr Cockerell (and perhaps the broadcaster) probably owe Mr Porter an apology.

Yours sincerely,
DANIEL LIGHTMAN,
5b Prince Arthur Road, NW3.

Wearing the trousers

From Mr Harry Purchase

Sir, I am all for women priests. I am all for equality. But do tell the reverend ladies that, should they attend the Stewards' Enclosure at Henley Royal Regatta, culottes (letter, November 16) are not allowed: I am afraid it is "skirts/dresses, hemlines below the knees", otherwise the gentlemen in pink caps will not be amused.

Yours etc,
HARRY PURCHASE
(Member of Henley Stewards),
The Anchorage, Riverside,
Penton Hook, nr Staines, Middlesex.

Welfare benefits and the family

From Lady Griffiths and Mrs Ruth Liley

Sir, Your leading article of November 10, "Facts and fatherhood", argues that welfare advantages such as income support and housing privileges have created an incentive for single motherhood and contributed to the decline in responsible fathering (letters, November 13, 16).

What it fails to note is that the changes in welfare priorities which have unintentionally created an incentive for single parenthood have been matched by a corresponding set of changes in the tax and benefit system which, taken together, create a disincentive for marriage, the two-parent family and, most significantly, for conscientious, provident fatherhood.

In recent years we have seen a gradual shift in resources away from the father, particularly if he is the sole earner in the family. Child tax allowances have been abolished; child benefit, which remains, is paid, as it always has been, solely to the mother. The married couples' allowance has stayed at its present level for a number of years and its real value is dwindling.

Finally, recent statistics (Social Trends 1993) show that the majority of mothers of pre-school children remain at home to care for their families, as do many mothers of older children. However, changes in tax structure, which have rightfully given married women fiscal independence, make no provision for single-earner families.

The cumulative effect of these changes is to give a strong message to fathers that the part they play in the family is not seen as critical either to the upbringing of their own children or to the stability of a wider society.

Yours faithfully,
RACHEL GRIFFITHS,
RUTH LILEY
(Committee members),
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36 Raglan Street, NW5.
November 16.

Care of the countryside

From Mr Stewart Plant

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article on farm subsidies ("Where cash is the main crop", November 13; letters, November 20) was timely but over-simplified the issue. Neither Kenneth Clarke, nor any other Chancellor, took the decision to pay subsidies direct. That was taken in Brussels, under the common agricultural policy.

Not all farms grow cereals, and only those which do so are eligible for arable area payments. Under an experimental scheme, the Countryside Commission, funded by the taxpayer, encourages at least one form of organic farming — no sprays or fertiliser — on selected landscapes and also encourages full public access with financial incentives paid on an acreage basis.

Here on the Somerset Levels we view public access to our farm as a natural progression. We already have pick-your-own, a garden centre and golfing activities. Barns have been converted to offices — housing, amongst others, chartered accountants and an advertising agency. A blacksmith plies his trade and a farmhouse serves as a day nursery for pre-school children.

Our experience of visitors is that they are responsible and caring; of course, there is always the exception, but the age group that would worry us most (six to 14) tend to be glued to their PC screens playing Sonic the Hedgehog.

Oliver Walston's £125,000 will soon disappear into the rural economy where it is desperately needed (after all, cereal prices haven't changed in the last ten years and in real terms have dropped by approximately 50 per cent).

As the outcry subsides we look forward to welcoming more people to our farm and of course Oliver Walston can do likewise, if he wants.

Yours sincerely,
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(Director),
Tickenham Court Farm Co Ltd,
The Court, Tickenham,
Clevedon, Avon.
November 22.

Balkan conflict

From Ms Anne-Marie Huby

Sir, In reading Adam LeBor's report on the signing of an aid agreement in Bosnia (November 18), I was surprised to see how Mr LeBor had misinterpreted the position of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) on the humanitarian and peacekeeping effort in Bosnia.

In fact, my reported criticism did not focus on Unprofor's conduct, but rather on the untenable mandate entrusted to them by the international community. The "fraud" I pointed to was Western governments' initial decision, at the very start of the Balkan war, to put the entire responsibility for managing the crisis squarely on the shoulders of humanitarian organisations, while doing little to put an end to massive violations of human rights and humanitarian law.

With UN troops unable to protect relief convoys effectively — and sometimes even themselves — the only available bartering currency is humanitarian aid.

In criticising the current management of the Bosnian crisis, MSF simply calls for greater respect for the neutrality of humanitarian aid groups and for their freedom to bring relief to all people in need, regardless of the promised political agreements.

Yours etc,
ANNE-MARIE HUBY,
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3-4 St Andrews Hill, EC4.
November 19.

From Mr Yugo Kovach

Sir, Your correspondent Simon Dring reports (November 16) from Gospic in Croatia about the plight of thousands of Croats driven from their homes "when the Serbs occupied the Krajina region".

Krajina has been a compact Serb area for centuries, hence Serb occupation is of long standing. Far more Serbs have been driven from Croatia proper than Croats from Krajina.

Yours sincerely,
YUGO KOVACH,
38 Lebanon Park,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
November 16.

Eloquence of silence

From Dr Mallory Wober

Sir, Lynne Truss (article, November 16) is to be thanked for indicating that broadcasters probably do some of their material, many of their viewers and themselves an injustice with their obsession to "keep the screen alight".

For commercial channels, their fear of desertion probably has to be accepted. However, silence during or after a programme of true merit (of which there are still many, on all channels) is, like the curtain at a theatre, psychologically necessary to help to contain the message and absorb it into a deeper level of consciousness.

To chirrup on after a powerful drama or documentary washes this impending memorability away.

Yours sincerely,
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November 17.

Flu vaccination

From Dr Mary F. Windle

Sir, Janet Bush (report, November 12) describes having a flu-like illness shortly after her vaccine injection. A study in the *British Medical Journal* of October 16 looked at the reactions to flu vaccination in more than 900 people with more than 900 controls. Reactions at the site of injection were more common in the vaccine group, but mild systemic reactions, such as aches and pains or feeling unwell, were equal in both groups, occurring in up to 10 per cent of people. Fever occurred in only seven men and 11 women overall.

Flu vaccination has been shown to protect vulnerable groups and the elderly and is strongly recommended by the Department of Health.

Janet Bush should not bother next year but should give up smoking now instead, which will be of far greater benefit to her.

Yours faithfully,
M. F. WINDLE,
40 Grange Park Avenue, N21.
November 12.

Cash for the arts, cash from tourists

From Mr Kenneth Cleveland

Sir, Mrs Doris Lessing (letter, November 15) makes out the connection between arts funding and tourism to be much more direct than it is. As a professional musician and a London Tourist Board guide, I can comment from both angles.

The great majority of tourists I drive around want to go to the commercial blockbusters rather than the subsidised theatre. True, there is the odd visit to the Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, but more often than not as an adjunct to visiting the Shakespeare properties than as an end in itself. I started working as a guide in 1973, and have never had to drive tourists to the South Bank theatres, or the Royal Court, to name but two examples.

As a musician I have occasionally had to work on a heavily subsidised, artistically dubious new production of a contemporary work, thoroughly loathed by most of its performers, and playing, not surprisingly, to houses with all but a few seats vacant. True, Haydn, for example, had his patron in the 18th century, but he would have been sacked like any other servant negligent in his duties if he did not come up with the goods.

There is a tendency among some creative "artists" today to think in terms more of their self-expression than of serving the public. Some form of return to the "market economy" should perhaps be considered, but the situation is far more complex than Mrs Lessing implies.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
KENNETH CLEVELAND
(Chorus Master,
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From Dr Christoph C. Lees

Sir, I sympathise with Doris Lessing. People from all over the world regard London as a cultural Mecca and yet, quite inexplicably, our finest orchestras are now locked in a battle for financial survival. They are not the only ones under threat.

London's famous red buses, which have helped to give the capital its identity, have escaped by a whisker what is euphemistically called deregulation. British Rail, having been savagely pruned in the early 1960s, is due to be reorganised to provide what many fear will be a high-cost South East commuter service and limited inter-city service. Our finest hospitals are under the axe, much to the consternation of my colleagues from abroad.

I am working on my own particular brainchild: privatisation and redevelopment of the House of Commons. This includes provision for a theme park, shopping mall and multi-screen cinema with virtual-reality videorama. We have a duty to ensure that our government doesn't run out of bright ideas.

Yours faithfully,
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November 16.

From Mr R. Derek Williams

Sir, The logic of Mrs Lessing's letter was enchanting: because British culture is such a success in drawing tourists, it therefore needs taxpayers' subsidy. Does the US government subsidise Disneyland?

Yours sincerely,
DEREK WILLIAMS,
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Albourne, Hassocks, West Sussex.

Not for reading

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, It was interesting to learn (Diary, November 17) that Westminster City Council's Great Smith Street library has cancelled subscriptions to 25 publications, including *Hansard Weekly*. I came across a file of suggestions from Savage Club members for cancellation of publications in the early thirties, which included the following, from one Maurice Lawson:

"May we stop: *The Autocar, The Motor, Motor Cycling, The Light Car, The Motor Cycle, The Motor News, The New Ford, The Commercial Motor, Canada, Quebec, Cinema Construction, Fuel, Birth Control News, Orient Observer, British Chamber of Commerce of Egypt, Englebert Magazine, General Stock Exchange Bulletin, Imported Food Journal & Modern Meat Marketing, The Spotlight, The Real Estate, The Imperial Food Journal, Better Health, Anglo-Danish Journal, The Education Outlook, The Shooting Times, Pan Pacific Programme.* And have back the *New Yorker*, which is still missing.

"P.S. And may we stop *The Polo Monthly* and *The Horse* and *Our Empire* too?"

(And on a luncheon receipt) "P.S. I forgot *Punch*. May we stop that too?" (supported by four other signatures).

Yours etc,
BERNARD KAUKAS
(Editor, *Drumbeat*
(Savage Club Quarterly)),
1 Whitehall Place, SW1.
November 17.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 22: The Queen this evening gave a Reception for members and officials of the All Blacks and the Lions Rugby Football Teams at Buckingham Palace.
The Princess of Wales, The Prince Edward and The Princess Royal were present.
By command of The Queen, the Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The President of Uzbekistan and Mrs Karimova and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Karimova on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 22: The Prince Edward, President, the Children's Film Unit, this evening attended a Royal Charity Premiere of *Emily's Ghost* at the Prince Charles Cinema, Leicester Place, London WC2, followed by a Dinner in support of the film unit at the Café Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1.
Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 22: The Princess Royal, President, RedR — Engineers for Disaster Relief — this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting, the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1 Great George Street, London SW1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 22: The Prince of Wales today visited Cambridge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).
His Royal Highness this morning attended a meeting of the Cambridge Programme for Industry, 1 Trumpington Street.
The Prince of Wales later opened the Maitland Robinson Library, Downing College.
His Royal Highness, Chairman, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, this afternoon attended a trustees meeting at Trinity College.
Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Coningsby, this evening attended a Dinner to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force, at Headquarters Strike Command, Royal Air Force High Wycombe.
The Hon Mrs Wills and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 22: The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Odiham, this evening attended a Dinner to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of The Royal Air Force, at Headquarters Strike Command, Royal Air Force High Wycombe.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 22: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Leuchars, this evening attended a dinner to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force, at Headquarters Strike Command, Royal Air Force High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
Commander Roger Walker RN was in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning attended the opening of the Maitland Robinson Library, Downing College, Cambridge and was met on arrival by Mr Michael Marshall (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).
Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 22: Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, this evening attended a Dinner to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force at Headquarters Strike Command, Royal Air Force, High Wycombe.

Awards celebrate new buildings that excel

By John Young

THE winners of this year's awards for architecture from the Royal Institute of British Architects were announced today. They are, pictured from top, a new stand at England's most famous racecourse, a primary school in a Hampshire village, and a visitor centre in the grounds of a medieval abbey. One of the three will be named as building of the year at the Interbuild exhibition in Birmingham next Monday.

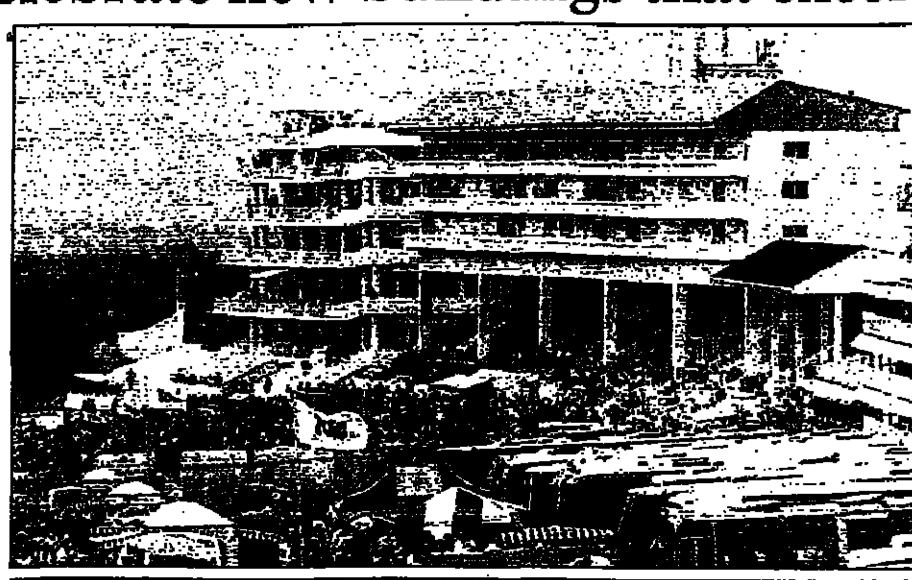
The Queen's Stand, overlooking Epsom Downs, in Surrey, top right, was designed by Richard Horden Associates. In the jury's view, it "provides a beautiful backdrop to the fashion parade of Derby Day.

"Despite the tight constraints of cost and construction time, the building is beautifully detailed," the citation states. "The public spaces are a magnificent setting for the grand and colourful events that take place here."

Woodlea primary school, Borden, pictured right, designed by Hampshire county architect's department, is built on a steep slope in the middle of dense woodland. It is said to give the impression of a small settlement in the middle of a forest clearing, and the jury found its "sheer exuberance" compelling.

For Edward Cullinan Architects, the grounds around Fountains Abbey, in North Yorkshire, listed by Unesco as a world heritage site, offered a formidable challenge. The building, bottom right, is described as "a great battered base of dry stone walling, which seems to have grown up out of the ground, contrasting with the delicate double-curved section of the roof, oversailing into the landscape".

□ The Prince of Wales praised the neo-classical design of the library at Downing College, Cambridge, which he opened yesterday. The prince described the building, the work of Quinlan Terry, as "enormously impressive".







Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will hold a reception for the friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace at 6.00. Prince Edward will also attend. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, will attend a dinner given by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship at the Carlton Club at 7.45.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Special Projects Group, will attend the *Magnificent 7* dinner at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel at 8.00.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Signals, will visit 210 Signal Squadron at 24 Airmobile Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron at Goojerat Barracks, Colchester, at 11.45. Later, as Patron of Farms for City Children, will attend a reception at the BT Centre, 81 Newgate Street, EC1 at 6.30; and will attend the 150th anniversary dinner of Garrard at Goldsmiths' Hall at 7.50.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation, will attend a reception at the National Army Museum at noon to mark the 50th anniversary of the British Forces Broadcasting Service.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the East Africa Women's League, will attend the general meeting at Holy Trinity Church House, Brompton, at 2.50.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will hold a reception and investiture of knights and dames of the order at St James's Palace at 2.20.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the refurbished St Luke's Halsall primary school at Crosby at 1.45; will open Brian Cummings Court, a sheltered housing scheme, at Litherland at 2.45; and will visit Centre 63, a voluntary youth organisation, at Kirkby, Merseyside, at 3.50.

The Duke of Kent will visit the surface engineering · materials building at Hull University at 11.00; and, as President of the Scout Association, will visit Raywell Park Scout Centre at Ripplington Road, Cottingham, at 2.15. Princess Alexandra, as Patron, will attend a reception at Clothworkers' Hall at 7.00 to mark the 25th anniversary of the Anchor Housing Association.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.D. Allen
and Miss L.M. Ingham
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs David Allen, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ingham, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr D.J. Armstrong
and Miss J.A. Booth
The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of the late Mr Alasdair Armstrong and of Mrs Jean Armstrong, of College Green, Worcester, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Booth, of Hillview Road, Worcester.

Mr A.R. Broadhurst
and Miss N.J. St John Perry
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of the late Mr I.R. Broadhurst and of Mrs M.E. Broadhurst, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Nicola, eldest twin daughter of Mrs Vanessa St John Perry, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

Mr C.P. Davies
and Miss S.M. Carswell
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Davies, of West Wickham, Kent, and Shona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Carswell, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr R.A.A. Ferard
and Miss L.F.S. Napier
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr James Ferard, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and of Mrs Clarissa Ferard, of London, SW1, and Lucilla, elder daughter of the late Hon Greville Napier and of the Hon Mrs Greville Napier, of Treyford, West Sussex.

Mr J.H. Hunter
and Miss J.S. Chenevix Trench
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Squadron Leader Ewan Hunter and of Mrs Patricia Hunter, of Jersey, Channel Islands, and Jessica, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Reginald Chenevix Trench, of Amberley, West Sussex.

Captain P.R.C. Thompson, RA,
and Miss J.C. Sweetnam
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.C.C. Thompson, of Taunton, Somerset, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Sweetnam, of Farnham, Surrey.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Wallis, mathematician, Ashford, Kent, 1616; François Babeuf, revolutionary, St Quentin, 1760; Franklin Pierce, 14th American President 1853-57, Hillsboro, New Hampshire, 1804; James Thomson, poet, author of *The City of Dreadful Night*, Glasgow, 1834; Manuel de Falla, composer, Cadiz, 1876; Boris Karloff, actor, London, 1887.

DEATHS: Perkin Warbeck, pretender to the throne, executed, London, 1499; Thomas Tallis, organist and composer, London, 1585; Richard Hakluyt, geographer, London, 1616; Hans Willem Bentinck, 1st Earl of Portland, statesman, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1709; Abbé Prévost, novelist, Chantilly, France, 1763; Sir Roger Newdigate, antiquary, Arbury, Warwickshire, 1806; Johann Bode, astronomer, Berlin, 1826; Charles Booth, shipowner and sociologist, Leicestershire, 1916; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, dramatist, London, 1934; André Malraux, writer and statesman, Paris, 1976.

The meat market at Smithfield opened, London, 1868.

University news

Bristol
Professor Iam Learmonth has been appointed to a Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Latest wills

Marjorie Nell, Dowager Baroness **Ashton** of Hyde, of Broadwell, Oxfordshire, widow of the 2nd Lord Ashton of Hyde, left estate valued at £12,785,950 net.
She left £1,000 to St Paul's Church, Broadwell, £500 each to the National Children's Home, Chipping Norton, the Gloucestershire Girl Guides Association, the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust, and the Welfare Fund of Ashton House, Stow-on-the-Wold, and the remainder of her estate to relatives.

Baroness Elisabeth Adriana **de Watteville**, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, left estate valued at £313,919 net.

Mr Guy Holford **Dixon**, of Brampton Ash, Northants, Deputy Circuit Judge 1975-77, left estate valued at £833,336 net.
He left his collection of icons to the British Museum and five paintings to the Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Services; £1,000 to the Leicester Society of Artists, for an annual "Guy Dixon Prize" for painting, collage, drawing or sculpture exhibited at the annual exhibition with the greatest aesthetic significance; £1,000 each to the Leicester and Leicestershire Historic Churches Preservation Trust, St Mary's Parish Church, Brampton Ash, the Historic Houses Association, RNIB and the Contemporary Art Society, and £500 each to the National Trust and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

Air Commodore Herbert MacDonald **Pearson** of Chipping Sodbury, Avon, left estate valued at £430,536 net.

Mr Benson **Coleman**, of Henfield, West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,029,844 net.

Memorial service

Mrs Clive Powell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Clive Powell was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Lady Cosima Somerset, daughter, and Mr Ben Harrison, brother, gave readings. Mr Mark Birley gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Clive Powell (husband), Mr Tristan Powell and Mr James Powell (sons), Mr Jonathan and Lady Sophia Pilkington (son-in-law and daughter), Lord John Somerset (son-in-law), Mrs Ben Harrison (sister-in-law), Miss N Harrison, Miss A Harrison, Miss T Gilpin.

The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, the Marquess of Londonderry, the Marquess of Worcester, Birgitte Countess of Stockton, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, Margaret Countess of Radnor, the Countess of Lichfield, Lord and Lady Hambleden, Viscount Castlereagh, Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Lord and Lady Christopher Thynne, Lady Tryon, Christabel Lady Durham, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord Moyne, Lord and Lady O'Neill, Lady Ashcombe, Mrs Paul Channon, Lady Annabel Goldsmith, Lady Rose Musker, Lady Beatrix Nevill, Lady Amabel Lindsay, Lady Victoria Waymouth, Lady Liza Athill, Lady Emma Herbert, Lady Sophia Herbert, Lady Diana Herbert, the Hon Tamara Rayne, the Hon Nicholas Rayne, the Hon Alexander Rayne, the Hon Robert and Mrs Rayne, the Hon David Macmillan, the Hon Arabella Lennox Boyd, the Hon Hannah Rothschild, the Hon Julian Hope, the Hon Jonathan Hope, the Hon Camilla Guinness, Mr Peter and the Hon Mrs Townend.

Baroness von Westenholz, Princess Rupert Löwenstein, Count Claus von Bulow, Miss Cosima von Bulow, Mr and Mrs John Wells, Mr Christopher Gibbs, Mr Nicholas Haslam, Commander and Mrs Michael Chichester, Mr Mark Shand, Miss India Jane Birley, Miss Sophie Thynne, Miss Min Hogg, Mr and Mrs Simon Elliot, Mr Edward Fox, Mr Robert Fox, Mrs Colin Campbell, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr and Mrs Antony Little, Mr and Mrs Michael Pilkington, Mrs Rory McEwen, Mrs Joscelline Dimbleby, Mrs Sukie Paravicini, Mrs Candida Lycett Green, Mr Brian Masters, Mr Cosmo Fry, Mr Alf Dodd and Miss Gail Fuller-Shapcott (Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association).

Dinners

Air Force Board
Princess Margaret, Honorary Air Commodore RAF Coningsby, the Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Air Commodore RAF Odiham, the Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore RAF Leuchars, and Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, were the principal guests at an Air Force Board dinner held last night at Headquarters Strike Command Officers' Mess, RAF High Wycombe, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Royal Air Force. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, welcomed the royal guests.

Furniture Makers' Company
Mr Brian Perring, Master of the Furniture Makers' Company, presided at the annual ladies' dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr Dominic Reid, the principal guest, and Mr Edward Tadros also spoke.

Royal Aeronautical Society
Mr Charles Masefield, President-elect of the Royal Aeronautical Society, presided at a dinner held last night at 4 Hamilton Place to mark the presentation of honorary fellowship to Professor Dr-Ing Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, Indonesian Minister of State for Research and Technology. The Indonesian Ambassador attended.

Anglo-Turkish Society and Turkish-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry
The Turkish Ambassador and Mme Önhon were the guests of honour at the annual joint dinner of the Anglo-Turkish Society and the Turkish-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry held last night at the Savoy Hotel to mark the 40th anniversary of the society.

Service dinner

RAF Club
Mr A.W. Bedford was the guest of honour at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont presided and Squadron Leader J. Burningham also spoke.

Birthdays today

Professor Colin Adamson-Macedo, electrical engineer, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Biggs, 55; Mrs Anne Burns, gliding champion, 78; Mr John Cole, broadcaster, 66; Mr Bruce Edgar, cricketer, 36; Colonel Sir Allan Gilmour, former Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland, 77; Mr Michael Gough, actor, 76; Sir John Hermon, former chief constable, RUC, 65; Mr Lew Hoad, tennis player, 59; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, 61; Sir David Lees, chairman and chief executive, GKN, 57; Mr Christopher Logue, poet and author, 67; Mr Alan Mullery, footballer, 52; Mr J.C. Oxley, director-general, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 55; Mr Krzysztof Penderecki, composer, 60; Mr Anton Poot, industrialist, 64; Lord Prosser, 59; Miss Diana Quick, actress, 47; Sir Peter Saunders, theatrical producer, 82; Sir Peter Strawson, philosopher, 74; Professor John Tarn, architect, 59; Mr Nigel Tranter, author, 84.

Appointment

Terence Kaye Earnshaw to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

Royal Academy of Engineering

Dr A.A. Denton, FEng, a Vice President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the CSE Lecture and Dinner held last night at The Royal Society, London. The guest speaker was Mr J.D. Rimington, CB, Director General of the Health and Safety Executive, who spoke on "Coping with Technological Risk: A 21st Century Problem".

Reception

HM Government
Mr Richard Needham, Minister for Trade, was host at a reception held yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of Professor Dr-Ing B.J. Habibie, Indonesian Minister of State for Research and Technology.

Inner Temple

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple: Dermod P. O'Brien, QC, Anthony Hooper, QC, Peter B. Mauleverer, QC.

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Jesus spake these words: "I thank you, Father, for hiding these things from the learned and wise, revealing them to the simple.
St. Matthew 11:25 (REB)

BIRTHS

ABDY-COLLINS - On 19th November to Emma (née Cooper-Key) and Jamie, a daughter Christabel Lily, a sister for Cicely, Elspeth, Harry and Rosie.

APRUZZESE - On November 15th at The Portland Hospital a beautiful baby girl Amy Inez was born to Vince and Mary Apruzzese.

BENHAM - On November 20th, to Lesley (née Graham) and Philip, a son, Alastair James Michael.

BLYTH - On 10th November to Deborah (née Cameron) and Seymour, a son Alexander Charles Euan Gray, a brother for Kathryn.

BOYD - On November 18th, to Shanne wife of Rupert, a daughter.

BOYD - On November 20th to Mary Claire (née Gibson) and John, a son.

BUTLER - On November 18th 1993, to Nicola (née Robson) and George, a daughter Lucy Mary, a sister for Sophie.

COSTELLO - On November 20th, to Kevin and Ali, a beautiful daughter, Megan, 9lb 6oz.

DAUNCEY - On November 12th to Judy (née Priest) and John, a daughter Katherine Margaret.

EKPERIGIN - On November 21st at The Portland Hospital to Bertie and Johnny a beautiful daughter Camille, a sister for Tobias.

HENSHER - On November 17th, to Diana (née Gorsky) and Andrew, a daughter, Lucy Margaret, a sister for William and Thomas.

HOSNY - On November 19th at The Wellington Hospital, to Tina (née Handley) and Handy, a handsome son Sammy James Hosny. A perfect miracle.

HURDLEY - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital to Melanie (née Austin) and John, a son, Jamie Alexander, a brother for Francesca.

LAW - On November 16th at The Wellington Hospital, to Susan (née Meadmore) and Robert, a son Richard Balbir, a brother for John.

MEADE - On November 18th to Jane (née Owen) and Martyn a son, George Edward Guy.

MIRANDA - On November 19th at The Portland Hospital to Stan and Kathy, a daughter, Hayley, sister to Callan and Connor.

MUNDY - On November 21st to Lisa and Chris, a son, Scott Frederick Andrew.

NAPIER - On November 13th at Nottingham, to Sarah (née Milward) and Simon, a son Maximilian Harry.

PENNY - On 19th November to Francesca (née Llewellyn) and Andrew, a son Fergus George Andrew.

SHOWERING - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital to Matthew and Leta (née Lee) a beautiful son, a brother for Nicholas and Antonia.

SIMPSON - On November 18th, to Hazel (née Geddis) and Geoffrey, a beautiful son, Benjamin James Bryce.

SUGA - On 18th November at The Wellington Hospital to Eriko (née Hirano) and Yoshi, a beautiful daughter, Mariko. We love you Mariko.

DEATHS

BALME - On November 21st, Betty (née Maberly Smith). Beloved wife of Richard, mother of Maxwell, Christopher and Emily. Family flowers. Service 26th November 12 noon St. Mary's Church, Henley.

BANKS - Mabel Deborah on 20th November, aged 91, mother of David and Terence. Enquiries to Edward White & Son. Tel 0243 782136

BARTON - On 21st November, Derick, aged 93, late of Straffan House, Co. Kildare.

BERTUZZI-AMANDA - (formerly de Gallegos) on November 19th 1993 Virginia Prestinary, formerly Minister Plenipotentiary of Costa Rica to the Court of St. James, much loved mother of Alfredo and Jorge, step-mother of Dennis, grandmother of Viviana, Christian, James and Deborah. Funeral Mass at the Church of the Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea at 9.30 am on Thursday 25th November, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher KT10 8NA.

BIRCH - Harriett Mary (Molly) died suddenly on 19th November aged 86 years. Funeral Service at Lugwardine Parish Church on 26th November at 12 noon. Donations to Lugwardine Parish Church. Tel 0236 763269 for details.

BRIERLEY - (née Robertson) Joyce, widow of Bertie, peacefully on Friday 19th November at Astley Nursing Home, Cheltenham, aged 96. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Flowers and enquiries to Selim Smith, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Tel: 0242 525383.

BUSHBY - Stanley Robert Morris. On November 20th 1993 at Napier Hospital after a short illness. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret and father of David and Jane. Funeral Service held at Hastings, New Zealand.

BYRNE - On November 22nd, peacefully at Bon Secours Hospital, Beaconsfield, Dora, aged 95, widow of Frank, much loved mother of Desmond, Brenda and the late Kevin. Also beloved grandmother and great grandmother. Requiem Mass to be held at St Teresa's Church, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield on Monday, 29th November, at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Bon Secours Hospital, Candlemas Lane, Beaconsfield.

CHEESMAN - Elizabeth Amelia (Dr E.A. Hughes), on 17th November 1993 at Hammersmith Hospital, beloved wife of Wilfrid and mother of Clive and Amy. Service at St Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, 26th November at 10 am, donations if desired to I.C.R.F. c/o Holmes & Sons, 92 Whitton Road, Hounslow, 081 572 3277.

COWAN - John Francis, husband of Patricia Joan and father of Laurie, James, Mark and Ian, died peacefully 18th November 1993 after a long illness. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, 26th November at 1 pm, family flowers only, donations for Cancer Research, c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd, Beaconsfield, 0494 672668.

CRAIGIE - Peacefully in his own home on November 20th 1993, Dr Hugh B. Craigie C.B.E., Westerdunes, North Berwick, dearly loved husband of Eileen Lyons and the late Lillie Campbell Murray. Funeral private.

CSEH-MENCZER - On Monday November 22nd peacefully at home Rudolf, beloved husband, father and nonno. Funeral on Monday 29th November. All enquiries to Arthur Denyer, Funeral Directors, Brighton (0273) 681718. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, Surrenden Road, Brighton (Maintenance Fund).

DELETOILLE - On November 20th, Judith (née Nicholl), wife of Yves, died in Paris peacefully. Funeral Service at 3.45 pm on Wednesday 24th November, St Pierre Du Gros Caillou, Rue St Dominique, Paris.

FREUDENTHAL - On 21st November Violet, widow of Walter aged 95 peacefully at home. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium (Bedford Chapel) at 2.15 on Wednesday 24th November.

GAMBIER - Peacefully on 21st November 1993, Lt. Col. Paul Gambier aged 86 years, late of the Royal Signals. Cremation at Penmount, Truro, Cornwall on 25th November. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the Royal Signals Association Benevolent Fund, c/o Regimental Secretary, 56 Regency St, London, SW1P 4AD.

GATES - On November 20th 1993 suddenly at home Charlotte (née Kerr) beloved wife of Tony and dearly loved mother of Richard and Veronica and grandmother of Lucy, Andrew and Henry. Funeral Service at 11 am on Monday 29th November at Shalford Parish Church.

HARDMAN - Bryan Brocas of Kent, England and Natal, South Africa, died peacefully on the 17th November 1993 after a short illness. Loving husband to Verena, father and grandfather to Eve, Patricia, Richard and their families, and friend to many. Much loved and missed.

HATTON - On November 18th peacefully at Links Pinewood House Nursing Home, Budleigh Salterton, Derek Mencer aged 82. Dearly loved husband of Megan. Service at The Exeter & Devon Crematorium on Friday November 26th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Hospiscare c/o The Health Centre, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6LS.

HAVERS - On 19th November in Hove, Sussex, Kathleen, aged 92. Much loved by all the family. Funeral 11.45am, Monday 29th November, Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Help The Aged, 15 Queens Parade, Hove BN3 8JG.

HERBERT - On 21st November 1993, peacefully in hospital, Kenneth Falkner, aged 83. Father of Tony, Amanda and Mark. Funeral Service Thursday 25th November. Enquiries please telephone Amanda on 0703 768784.

HULTON - Geoffrey Alan Baronet D.L., K.C.S.G., K.C.H.S.; aged 73, peacefully at home Saturday 20th November 1993. Requiem Mass St Vincent de Paul, Newbrook Road, Over Hulton, near Bolton 12 noon Friday 26th November. No flowers at his special request. All Enquires to Shaw & Son Funeral Directors Tel: 0204 26218.

KEMP-GEE - On Sunday 21st November 1993, peacefully at home, Bernard, aged 81, dearly beloved husband of Ann and father of Sally, David and Mark; grandfather and great-grandfather. Senior partner of P.N. Kemp-Gee & Co. 1939-1970. Funeral private. No letters please.

KRUGER - On 21st November, peacefully at Clifford House, Alexandra Road, Andover, Evelyn, formerly of Old Oak Road, London W3, widow of Charles, beloved mother of David and grandmother of Sarah and Rupert. Funeral Salisbury Crematorium 3 pm Thursday 25th November. No flowers but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

LEES - Vera, on 20th November, suddenly in Torquay aged 86. Widow of Maurice, mother of Avril Kleeman and David, much loved by all her family. Funeral on Wednesday 24th November at 2.30 pm at The Jewish Burial Ground, Paignton Cemetery, Allercombe Road, Paignton. No flowers please.

LEWIS - Christine Mary (née Tew), born December 23rd 1910, beloved wife of Roy Lewis, mother of Miranda and Elizabeth; peacefully after a short illness on November 21st 1993.

MAY - On November 16th 1993 peacefully in hospital, Lilian Hester aged 82. Beloved wife of George William May M.B. F.R.C. Ophth., of Ware, Herts. Formally widow of Donald Dines, of Braintree and Halstead, Essex. Funeral Service on Monday November 29th, 2 pm at Christ Church, Ware, followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research, may be sent to Powell Funeral Service, Nelson Court, Watton Road, Ware, Herts.

MESKIN - Sir James peacefully at home on 21st November. Donations to Alzheimers Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place SW1P 1PH

MORANT - Philip, actor, born 1909, peacefully in his sleep on Monday 22nd November aged 84. Loving husband to Pearl and father to Angela, the late Claire, Richard, Jane and Jonathan; and proud grandfather to his many grandchildren. Dear Philip we will all miss you greatly. Deepest love.

MULLEN - On November 19th 1993 at Hazelmere House N.H., Wilmslow, after a long illness courageously borne, John Wilfrid (Wilf) aged 95 years. A dearly loved husband of the late Wyn a beloved brother of Winefride and dear father of Maureen, Shelagh and Peter. Requiem Mass at St Teresa's R.C. Church, Wilmslow on Thursday 25th November at 2 pm. All enquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd, Wilmslow. Tel (0625) 525063.

PACE - L. Noel G., beloved husband of Sheila, loved and loving father of Andrew and Mark, proud and loved grandfather of James, Dominic, Hugo, Sharon, Jacqui and Alec passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 20th November. The Funeral is to be held on Friday 26th November at Our Lady of Fatima, Stapleford at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Head and Neck Unit Research Trust, Royal Marsden Hospital.

PAKENHAM - Katherine Susan on November 22nd peacefully at home in Chichester aged 63. Beloved sister of Michael. Funeral will be at St George's Donnington at 2.30 pm this Thursday. Family flowers only. Donations to Riding for the Disabled c/o E White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester. 0243 782136.

PUNCH STEVENS - Mary Cecilia, aged 44, widow of Eric Stevens, on 19th November 1993, peacefully and courageously at home among family and friends. Service at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, at 12.00 on Friday 26th November. Donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation or Shelter. Family flowers only.

REDCLIFFE-MAUD - The Funeral of Lady Redcliffe-Maud took place at St Mary the Virgin, Oxford on 20th November. The Commonwealth Secretary-General was represented by Mr Nick Hare. The Rev. Brian Mountford officiated, and the Very Rev. Joel Pugh and Canon Peter Bostock also took part. Margaret Pugh and Andrew Maud, grandchildren, and Sir John Johnston GCVO, GCMG gave readings. His Honour Judge Marcus Edwards gave an address. Any donations, please, to the Redcliffe-Maud Fund, British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, W1.

RUSH - Suddenly on November 17th 1993, Peter Dennis aged 68 years of Danbury, Essex. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday November 25th at Chelmsford Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Flowers or donations to NSPCC c/o Bakers Funeral Service, Eves Corner, Danbury. Tel: 0245 225876.

SCHILLING - On November 14th peacefully after a short illness, Rosl, widow of Dr Edmund Schilling. Deeply mourned by her friends. Funeral has taken place.

SHANAHAN - Peacefully on November 21st 1993 at the City Hospital, Edinburgh, Kevin Joseph ("Shan"), husband of the late Gladys May, much loved father, brother, father in law and grandfather of the family. Funeral on Thursday November 25th after 10 am Requiem Mass from St. Mark's RC Church, Oxgangs Avenue, Edinburgh to Mortonhall Crematorium, Howdenhall Road, Edinburgh arriving at the Main Chapel at 11 am. Remains to be received into Church on Wednesday evening at 5 pm. Donations if desired may be sent to the League of Friends of the City Hospital, 51 Greenbank Drive, Edinburgh. R.I.P.

STALLWORTHY - On 19th November 1993, in Oxford, Sir John Arthur, FRCS, FRCOG, aged 87 years. The much loved husband of the late Peggy, father of Jon, Sally and Wendy. Private Funeral Service. No flowers by request. A Memorial Service will be held in the New Year.

SUMOROK - On 18th November 1993 peacefully at Ealing Hospital, Tadeusz Marian, Flight Lieutenant R.A.F. Funeral Mass Polish Church, Windsor Road, Ealing on Wednesday 24th November at 1 pm. Sadly missed by son Konstanty Sumorok, family and friends.

TAYLOR - Harold Edward late of Reigate at Milford Manor, Salisbury, on 22nd November aged 79. Beloved husband of Gladys. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday 26th November at 9.45 am. Donations if desired for the Library Association Benevolent Fund c/o H.A. Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury SP1 3AX.

WILKEY - On November 19th Mary Elizabeth (née Cecil) aged 88, widow of N C D Wilkey. Service at St Marys Church, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Friday November 26 at 3 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Lowry Ward, Battle Hospital, Reading.

WILLE - On November 22nd aged 84 years, John Edward peacefully in Malvern, after 7 happy years of retirement. Formally Maths Master at St Alban's School. Funeral at Worcester Crematorium on November 26th at 3.30 pm. (Enquiries on 0684 566601).

WILLIAMS - Rev. Professor Ronald James (Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Canada) in Toronto on Friday November 19th 1993. Ronald James Williams, beloved husband of the Late Vivien Tremain. Loved father of Lynn and her husband John French, Littlehampton, Sussex and Maldwyn and his wife Marianne Williams, Toronto, Canada. Dear grandfather of Peter and Lise French and David and Bronwen Williams. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday November 27th in St James' Bond United Church, Toronto, Canada.

WORDSWORTH - Peacefully on November 21st at Westmorland General Hospital, Kendal, Cumbria, Richard Corwen Wordsworth, aged 78 years of Grasmere, Cumbria. Dearly loved husband of Sylvia. For funeral details please contact: T. Edmondson Ltd, Funeral Directors, Compston Street, Ambleside, Cumbria. Tel: 05394 33184.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KEMP - A Memorial Service for Peter Kemp will be held at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, SW3 on Tuesday November 30th at 11.30 am.

KIDSTON-MONTGOMERIE - Thanksgiving Services for the life of Colonel George Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan DSO, MC, will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London on Tuesday 7th December 1993 at 2.30 pm and in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland Road, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire on Friday 3rd December, at noon.

MILLARD - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Douglas Rodway Millard will be held in Felsted School Chapel on Thursday 2nd December at 2.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

A. V. WILLIAMS

Arthur Vivian Williams, CBE, former general manager of the Peterlee (New Town) Development Corporation, died on November 15 aged 84. He was born on January 2, 1909.

VIVIAN WILLIAMS had attracted public attention as the youngest town clerk in Britain, one of a vigorous new breed of public servants, when he was head-hunted after the second world war to manage the development of a new town in the Durham coalfield. The vision of a brave new world for the coal miners, transforming their industrial landscape beside the North Sea, was one that instantly appealed to the young Williams. Left-wing, idealistic and dynamic, he cleared his desk in the town hall at Dudley in the West Midlands and began what was to become his life's great achievement.

J. B. Priestley was among those who praised the project, on revisiting the area in the mid-1970s, shortly after Vivian Williams had retired. But Peterlee, christened after the Durham miners' leader Peter Lee, did not come into the world without agonising birth pains. The intrusion of hard left politics was one problem, while economic and construction complications were among the others.

Not the least of the obstacles confronting Williams was the early collapse of the architect's design plan. The prestigious contract for the first "green field" development of its kind outside the Home Counties, had been awarded to Berthold Lubetkin, one of the most celebrated architects of his day, who had responded with an imaginative model. But Georgian-born Lubetkin (who died three years ago aged 88) had opted for a high-rise development which was not only ahead of its time but was held to be hopelessly impracticable for the site. Built on land honeycombed by coal workings, Peterlee could hardly support a forest of tower-blocks, however elegantly fashioned they might be. His proposals rejected, Lubetkin resigned, forcing Williams and his team back to the drawing board.

Peterlee began to grow rapidly in the early 1950s, helped by Harold Macmillan's drive as housing minister. But Williams was increasingly unhappy with the results. The town was in danger of becoming a vast council estate — a far cry from the exciting new town of which he had dreamt. He then had the inspired idea of enlisting the help of the abstract artist Victor Pasmore, who happened at the time to be teaching at Durham University. With Pasmore working alongside local architects, artistic concepts were introduced to house design — best exemplified in the southwest segment of the town.

The 1960s threw down a fresh challenge for Williams, as the traditional coal industry declined. Originally charged with building new homes for miners to live in, he now had to turn his attention to finding jobs for their families.

An inadequate road system and a low level of technical skills were among the new set of problems he confronted. But he first introduced textile factories into the area, then persuaded IBM to set up a research centre. Engineering works followed and Williams was among the first to make approaches to Japanese industry — an initiative which bore fruit after his time.

In the mid-1950s Williams was also appointed general manager of the



nearby new town of Aycliffe, whose development corporation was then under the chairmanship of Lord Beveridge. The two boards eventually merged and Williams — appointed CBE in 1969 — administered them jointly until 1974 when he retired.

Vivian Williams was born in China where his father was a professor of mining engineering. The family returned to this country shortly before the first world war and young Vivian went to William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester, then to Jesus College, Oxford, to read history.

From Oxford he moved to Manchester University to carry out historical research, but soon switched to law and qualified as a solicitor in 1936. He started his new career as an assistant solicitor with Holborn borough council in London, became deputy town clerk at Finchley in 1938, then town clerk at Bilston, 1941-46, and at Dudley, 1946-48.

He made his name not only on account of his relative youth but through his reputation as an active reformer in local government, with a particular appetite for town and country planning. He introduced part-time consultants and expert advisers to improve efficiency, extending the powers of the local authority where possible, in order to improve the urban plan. In 1948 he seemed a natural choice for Peterlee.

When the time came for him to retire he did so completely. He said that having been the youngest town clerk in Britain, he had turned into the oldest general manager of a new town. So he moved to Suffolk, where he indulged his love of gardening and read widely — often in French. He retained close contacts with French counterparts in town planning and communicated with them throughout his life.

He remained passionately proud of Peterlee. But his early brush with the hard left and their ideas of social engineering was partly instrumental in shifting his own political views towards the centre and a pragmatic approach to social reform.

His wife Charlotte, herself a solicitor, died eight years ago and Vivian Williams is survived by two of their three sons and by their daughter.

WENSLEY PITHEY

Wensley Pithey, character actor, died on November 10 aged 79. He was born in South Africa on January 21, 1914.

WENSLEY PITHEY enjoyed a career as a successful character actor in the theatre, television and cinema for over forty years. He was a capable player of robust, patriarchal figures, particularly Winston Churchill, whom he played in many different television productions. He adapted himself well to this role, and his careful representation of Churchill at different stages of his life became, for many people, Pithey's stage identity, and was acclaimed on both sides of the Atlantic.

Pithey first played Churchill in *Edward and Mrs Simpson* for Thames TV. He was noticed by a casting director who had come to see him at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith where he was appearing in *The Cherry Orchard*. Beneath the wig and make-up that he was wearing as Pishik, lurked a natural likeness to the wartime prime minister. He went on to play the role in *Ike, the War Years* which was shown on ITV, and in Ian Curteis's 1980 drama documentary for the BBC, *Suez 1956*, which was his most accomplished rendition of the character. Despite his natural affinity with the role he knew he could not go on being Churchill forever: he said his wife did not like the look of him with a shaved head.

At Cape Town University, where he was studying English, Wensley Pithey spent much of his time acting. He founded a troupe of actors and soon found that acting gave him a chance to travel, something which he enjoyed throughout his life.

In 1947 he moved to England where he soon joined the Library Theatre, Manchester. Pithey then graduated to the West End and was cast by Orson Welles as Stubb in his controversial adaptation of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. Success in television soon followed when he was cast in the main role in the BBC's *Mr Charlesworth*.

Pithey always felt that his life started again in 1967 when he first went to Germany. He was in a coffee advertisement cast as Mr Tschibo, a benign and senatorial figure who advertises that particular brand of coffee, and he played this role for over 25 years, soon becoming familiar to millions of Germans as this character. It was a happy association which provided a steady income for Pithey and also for his third wife, Ingrid, who worked for the same coffee company. The irony of his German persona in comparison to his later fame as Churchill was not lost upon him.

He continued to work up until very recently, appearing in Dennis Potter's *Lipstick on your Collar* last year. His third wife died in 1989 and he is survived by their son.

EMILE ARDOLINO

Emile Ardolino, American film director, died of an Aids related illness, in Los Angeles on November 20 aged 50. He was born in New York in 1943.

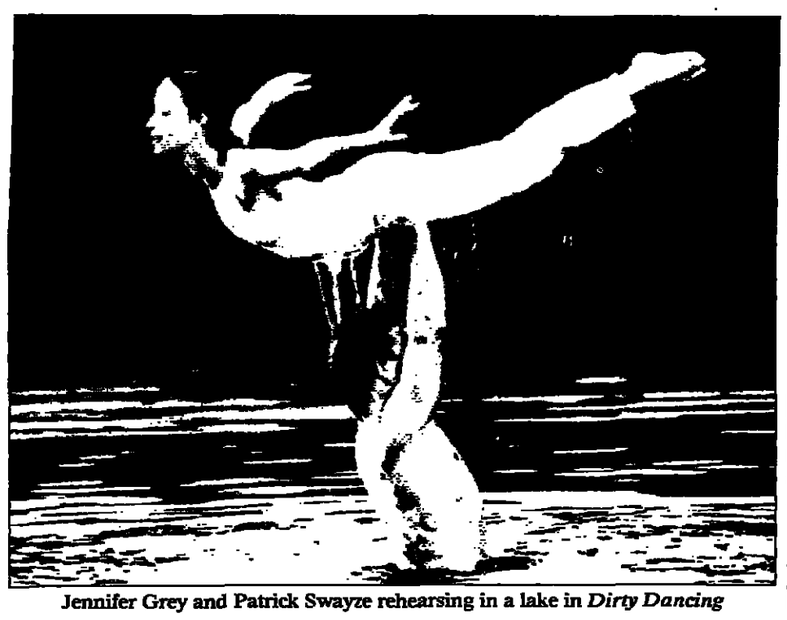
EMILE ARDOLINO specialised in filming dancers and achieved huge popular success with his first feature film, *Dirty Dancing* in 1987. Notable chiefly for the verve of its disco-dancing sequences, *Dirty Dancing* featured Jennifer Grey as an innocent young teenager, on holiday with her parents, who becomes bewitched by the dance-floor wizardry of a street-wise youth played by Patrick Swayze.

Ardolino went on to make *Three Men and a Little Lady* in 1990 and *Sister Act*, starring Whoopi Goldberg, in 1992.

Four years before his success with *Dirty Dancing* Ardolino had won an Academy Award for a documentary, *He Makes Me Feel Like Dancin'*, which was an account of Jacques d'Amboise's work with children. He also won an Emmy award for his direction of *Choreography by Balanchine IV* in 1979 and a Directors' Guild of America award for another episode in the series two years later.

Ardolino became a devotee of Broadway musicals as a teenager in the Queens district of New York and once said he saw the original production of *Gypsy* 25 times. He performed in a number of student productions, studied dance with Matt Mattox and appeared as Boy in a touring production of *The Fantastics*.

In 1967, with Gardner Compton, he founded Compton-Ardolino Films working as an editor, director and producer of documentaries and multi-media stage productions. As his reputation for filming dancers grew he produced 28 episodes for the American PBS series *Dance in America*. He had recently completed a film version of the ballet, *The Nutcracker*.



Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze rehearsing in a lake in *Dirty Dancing*

BASIL FENERON

Basil Feneron, who as a flight engineer took part in the Dambusters raid of 1943, died on November 18 at his home in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, aged 73. He was born in 1920.

BASIL FENERON, who had joined the RAF in 1940, flew in the Lancaster bomber AJ-F — "F Freddy" — which attacked the Sorpe dam in the small hours of May 17, 1943. The third of the targets on 617 squadron's list, the Sorpe was almost completely obscured by mist by the time "F Freddy", piloted by the Canadian flight sergeant Ken Brown, with Feneron operating the throttles, dived down into the narrow valley to make its bombing run.

Brown made eight attempts, during each of which Feneron had to slam on full throttle to get the aircraft out of the valley in one piece. But on none of them could the target be seen clearly enough to warrant releasing one of Dr Barnes Wallis's precious bouncing bombs, so on a ninth run "F Freddy" dropped a cluster of incendiaries on a wood by the side of the dam. This burnt beautifully, momentarily dispersing the mist and enabling the dam to be seen clearly.

On the tenth run the bomb was released, scoring a direct hit. But though the Sorpe was badly damaged it was not breached, as the Möhne and Eder dams had been, earlier in the night.

Feneron, who, like his skipper was also a flight sergeant, then played his part in nursing the Lancaster's four Rolls-Royce Merlin engines on the perilous flight home at low level, with dawn already threatening to illuminate the scene and the enemy's night fighters hungry for targets. Unscathed, "F Freddy" touched down on the grass runway of its base at Scampton, Lincolnshire, at 0533 hours, one of the last of the raiders to return.

Feneron flew on 12 more raids with 617, which, after the Ruhr dams raid, was retained by "Bomber" Harris as a precision bombing squadron. Among the missions in which Feneron took part was a raid on Italian power stations which were at such extreme range that the aircraft had to fly on to airfields in North Africa. In January 1944 he was commissioned and became an instructor.

He leaves his widow, Jean, and two children.



Wensley Pithey as Churchill in the 1980 BBC drama-documentary, *Suez 1956*

PETER WALLFISCH

Peter Wallfisch, pianist, died on November 10 aged 69 He was born on October 20, 1924.

PETER WALLFISCH was one of the most dedicated musicians of his generation. He gained a formidable reputation as a soloist with leading orchestras, as a chamber musician, and as an inspiring teacher.

He was born in Breslau but escaped from Nazi Germany as a child. He went first to Jerusalem and then to Paris where he studied piano with Marguerite Long and Jacques Fevrier. He was later a first prizewinner at competitions in Budapest (the Bartok Prize) and Munich.

He settled in London in 1952, where he married the cellist Anita Lasker and embarked on a concert career. He appeared as a soloist with most of the major European orchestras under the batons of such conductors as Klemperer and Sanderling and, at home, worked frequently with all the BBC orchestras.

Peter Wallfisch's recital programmes were refreshingly diverse, ranging from the classics to adventurous 20th-century works, displaying a vast repertoire. Of particular note were his definitive interpretations of the works of Kenneth Leighton, which won the composer's warmest admiration and friendship. He was also the pioneering force behind recent performances of the music of Frank Bridge, resurrecting the Piano Sonata, Phantasm and other pieces after they had fallen into comparative neglect.



To think of the piano as an entity in itself was anathema to him. He saw the classical giants, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms, as not being primarily keyboard writers in the sense of pure pianism of the 19th century. Thus Beethoven's sonatas were paralleled by symphonies, Mozart's operas were reflected in his piano concertos, Bach's cantatas in the "Forty-Eight", and songs and chamber music in the works of Schubert and Brahms. In short, they were part of a much wider musical background and demanded a higher proportion of mind to fingers.

Chamber music was an essential part of his life, and he will be particularly remembered for his duo performances with the cellist Christopher Bunting, a trio with Gervase de Peyer and William Pleeth and his two piano works with Celia Arieli and Michael Freyhan. In his later years he derived particular pleasure in partnering his son Raphael, one of the foremost British cellists with whom he gave many memorable performances in the concert hall and on records.

Two and a half years ago a stroke cruelly put an end to his performing career. However, with his characteristic blend of discipline, determination and courage he played at home for his own pleasure.

He is survived by his wife, his son and a daughter.

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Khartoum, Nov. 21

A most trustworthy Sheikh, in the service of the Government, arrived in Duem yesterday and reported a terrible disaster to Hicks Pasha and his army near Obeid. The army of 11,000 men, including Hicks Pasha, the Governor-General, and the entire Staff, has been annihilated in a defile at Kashgate, whither they had been led by a treacherous guide on the morning of November 1. Hicks Pasha and the entire army marched out of Melbas, the scene of the victory over the rebels a few days before. The guide led them to a rocky, wooded defile, without water, where an ambuscade had been prepared by the rebels, who were armed with rifles and artillery. Hicks Pasha's force was so situated that he could not use his guns. For three days the army, worn out by thirst, defended itself, but on the 4th inst. it was annihilated to a man.

Vizetelly, Arten and 50 soldiers, who were out-side, came in and were taken and carried prisoners to El Obeid. The rebels captured 36 Krupps, Nordenfelt, and mountain guns, and all the flags, munitions of war and camels.

ON THIS DAY

November 23 1883

William Hicks was a retired British officer employed by the Khedive of Egypt to command his army to subdue the Sudanese leader — the Mahdi. The British government dissociated itself from the expedition, but following the annihilation of Hicks' army, was compelled to send out General Gordon.

Colonel Coetlogon, who, before the fatal news arrived, had succeeded in clearing the White Nile of the rebels and preventing any aid from going to them, was at Duem when the Sheikh arrived. He at once took him to Khartoum, and is arranging for the defence of the city and the suppression of the expected revolt by calling in all the outlying garrisons. He and your correspondent are the sole surviving Englishmen in the Soudan.

November 21:

The news of the annihilation of Hicks Pasha's army is fully confirmed. The entire Soudan is in a blaze. The outlying garrisons have been called into Khartoum. The army will retreat to Berber, if possible; it cannot muster 4,000 regulars all told. Colonel Coetlogon and the surviving six members of the Staff are aiding Ibrahim Pasha effectively in carrying out defensive measures.

ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 22

Authentic information which has been received from the Lieutenant-Governor of the Soudan, confirmed from other sources, leaves no doubt that Hicks Pasha's army has been annihilated by the Mahdi. A correspondent, disguised as a Dervish, and who was an eye-witness of the slaughter, gives the following account of it:

The Mahdi advanced from Kordofan with a force estimated at 300,000. One-half of Hicks Pasha's force was advancing on El Obeid, the other half waiting to check the Mahdi at Kaz, east of El Obeid. On November 2 the Mahdi met the first half, which was soon afterwards joined by the other, the entire Egyptian force numbering about 7,000. A square was formed, and the rebels lost a great many men in attacking it. Fighting went on till the 4th of November, when the Mahdi at last brought up some well armed troops from Kordofan, and Hicks Pasha's army was destroyed.

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23 1993

NEWS

Police at war with lawyers

■ Lawyers and police were in open conflict over alleged "heavy-handed approach" to suspects. One solicitor said trench warfare was breaking out in police stations as officers ignored rules on the questioning of suspects.

The row broke out as George Heron announced plans to sue for wrongful arrest after his acquittal of the murder of Nikki Allan. Mr Justice Mitchell had condemned police questioning as oppressive and refused to allow a confession. He also accused officers of misrepresenting evidence..... **Pages 1, 3**

Major backs prince's sales mission

■ John Major signalled that he wants to boost the Prince of Wales in the role of a roving commercial ambassador. The prime minister let it be known that he would investigate any difficulties encountered by the prince in Whitehall..... **Page 1**

Italian earthquake

Pressure in Italy for early general elections mounted after voters delivered a political earthquake to the centrist parties supporting the technocrat prime minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi..... **Pages 1, 14**

Bulger lesson

Nobody involved in the James Bulger murder trial will ever be the same again, or see a child separated from his or her mother without remembering James, the jury heard..... **Pages 1, 3**

Bosnia warning

With Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, warning that Bosnia is on the edge of a "humanitarian catastrophe" this winter, European Union foreign ministers called fresh peace talks in Geneva..... **Pages 1, 14**

Tebbit hits out

Lord Tebbit criticised the government's lack of direction in tackling instability and threw doubt on John Major's back-to-basics strategy..... **Pages 2, 1**

Mother's plea

A mother issued an impassioned plea to a woman who witnessed the death of her 12-year-old daughter in a hit-and-run accident to come forward and tell police who had been driving the car..... **Page 5**

Doctor sues

A hospital consultant who was suspended on full pay in 1982 and has since received £300,000 is taking legal action for breach of contract..... **Page 7**

New school tests

The government's new schools quango published streamlined tests for seven-year-olds which ministers hope will persuade teachers to call off their assessment boycott..... **Page 8**

Cancer 'waste'

Cancer sufferers are dying needlessly because the billions of pounds spent on treatment and research are wrongly targeted, specialists say..... **Page 9**

Benefit cut

Reducing the time people can claim unemployment benefit from one year to six months has now emerged as one of the front runners for next week's Budget..... **Page 11**

Syrian promise

Syria has manoeuvred itself back on to the centre stage of Middle East diplomacy after winning an assurance from King Husain of Jordan that he will not make a separate peace deal..... **Page 12**

De Klerk fights back

President de Klerk of South Africa opened proceedings in the last session of the apartheid parliament with a fighting speech designed to unite his Nationalists behind the constitutional settlement..... **Page 13**

Communist relics

Relations between Cuba and China have received a boost after a meeting in Havana between President Castro and President Jiang, the leaders of two of the world's last communist states..... **Page 15**

Christmas is politically incorrect

■ Playgroups may be forced to abandon Christmas after a government-funded association suggested that marking the Christian festival could be politically incorrect. One in Lewisham, south-east London, has cancelled festivities after advice from the Pre-School Playgroups Association that there "should be arrangements for all cultures"..... **Page 1**



SIMON WALKER

As the RAC reported its busiest day for 95 years, one shopper kept to the grass in Victoria Tower Gardens, London, yesterday. Page 2

BUSINESS

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 37.4 to close at 3070.6 after a large fall in Japan and signs of selling pressure in America. Sterling's index remained unchanged at 81.0 after a rise from $1.4725 to $1.4760 and a fall from DM2.5249 to DM2.5173..... **Pages 23, 26**

North West Water: Bob Thian, one of the best-known names in the water industry, has quit abruptly as chief executive of North West Water after a row with the rest of the board..... **Page 23**

Levitt Group: Roger Levitt, former head of The Levitt Group, dramatically changed his plea and admitted one charge of fraudulent trading..... **Page 23**

SPORT

Rugby union: Gary Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half, who announced that he was retiring from internationals, has been named in the Barbarians side to play the All Blacks on December 4..... **Page 42**

Cricket: A claim by Don Oslear, that he lost his umpiring job by supporting Allan Lamb's allegations, has been denied by the Test and County Cricket Board, which said that Oslear knew this was his final year..... **Page 42**

Football: On the day his controversial coaching proposals were published, Charles Hughes, the FA's director of coaching, criticised Graham Taylor for tinkering with selection and style..... **Pages 40, 44**

FEATURES

God and mammon: "Any cathedral with an entry fee is used to visitors quoting the story of Jesus ejecting the traders from the temple." The Rev Michael Higgins on why cathedrals should charge..... **Page 16**

All coughed out: If you have been wheezing and coughing for the past month, you may be suffering from a syndrome that experts believe to be on the increase: virus-related bronchial hyperactivity..... **Page 17**

LAW

Alternative forum: The Patents County Court, set up in 1990 to provide cheap and speedy justice for rival claimants to inventions, is facing fierce criticism..... **Page 35**

ARTS

Forward march: On the day that the Turner Prize is decided, Richard Cork defends the avant-garde in visual arts against the cries of "rubbish". He says: "Britain seems increasingly determined to lapse into a nostalgia fit for devotees of a heritage culture alone"..... **Page 31**

Dallas revisited: The classic question — "where were you when you heard that Kennedy had been shot?" — was aired again on television last night. There were some curious replies..... **Page 31**

Terence resurfaces: The most flamboyant exhibitionist in rock, Terence Trent D'Arby, bounces back from his last, unsuccessful album..... **Page 32**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Deena Newton, a childminder, who has been refused registration because she has a "racist and offensive" gollywog toy
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Kim Il Sung, the North Korean president, who will be offered incentives being devised by America to give up his nuclear ambitions
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Colin McRae moved up from fourth place to take the lead on the second day of the RAC Rally. At the end of the day he led by 21 seconds
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Castles in the air

■ If your home is your castle, how about a real castle? Marissa Hollick on a medieval bargain — with tower, ramparts and fishing rights on the loch

Odds on the Bookie Prize

■ Simon Barnes watches the runners and riders in the race for the Bookie Prize, sport's version of the Booker Prize

Spare the books, Chancellor

■ Fear grips the publishing industry as the probable imposition of VAT on books looms ever nearer. Will there be casualties if the price-rise cuts sales?

TV LISTINGS

The Scottish painter Peter Howson was chosen to be the official British war artist in Bosnia. His experiences are related in *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.50pm)..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Killer at large

In a case as emotive as the brutal murder of a child, the line between incisive, effective questioning and aggressive interrogation must be easy for overworked officers to cross..... **Page 19**

Pizza politics

Italy's chastened democrats have suffered a shock. They must absorb the lessons..... **Page 19**

White blanket

Less happy climates have good or bad weather. Britain has just weather. And the dangerous pleasure of being surprised by it..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Why do you think I write less and less about the news? Not because I have run out of things to say about the news, nor even the dreadful things that the news daily reveals. It is because the things *sub specie aeternitate* are not only the most interesting things, but they are the ones that bring meaning into our lives, or at least mine..... **Page 18**

LYNNE TRUSS

If hypocrisy is a full-time job (as Somerset Maugham once asserted), then humbug-fingering works overtime. Sometimes we seem to live in a swirling world abandoned by moral logic..... **Page 18**

LETTERS

Do the arts really attract tourists to Britain?..... **Page 19**

THE TIMES DIARIES

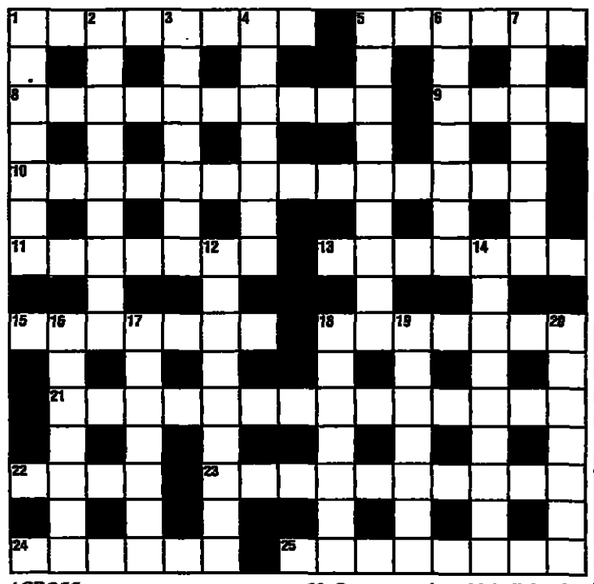
Mr Major's appeal to modify cherished positions (on Northern Ireland) is not only the right step but overdue. Assuredly the essential first step is to end the killings and bring this conflict to the conference table. When Mr Adams can say that with conviction, he will have earned a seat

— The New York Times

It could turn out that Pyongyang perceives non-proliferation not simply as a threat to its nuclear option but as a step toward the *opening of its society and therefore* a threat to its very survival. That would mean that its rogue status is built in and not subject to diplomatic easing

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,395



ACROSS

1 A Spanish port's unknown language (8)
5 He wrote directions about a card-game (6)
8 In following Roman Law, one bishop the French found obdurate (10)
9 Some returning to hospital in central London (4)
10 American woman spotlit as being wide-hipped (5,2,3,4)
11 Man returns without list, one gathers (7)
13 Base lodging for a robber (7)
15 Engineer catching a fish in a small waterfall (7)
18 Girl taking an age to find a tile (7)
21 Hint of recurring skin trouble among orchestral musicians (5,2,3,4)
22 One opposed to high jinks the Civil Service suppressed (4)
23 Financiers possibly met about the Thames-side carriage-way (10)
24 Customer's legal right observed in Connecticut (6)
25 He gives away a beret extremely reluctantly, perhaps (8)

DOWN

1 Periodical defending the Italian graduate holding the post (7)
2 Remains of tea, say, brewed in bars (9)
3 Undergo change as a reward (7)
4 Greater London borough supporting society ball (7)
5 He has loads to do in Everest trip (9)
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7 The old country way is to have tea outside (7)
12 The sort of insurance women tend to be put off (9)
14 Abstract, see? Quite so (9)
16 Ways gunners built up a weapon store (7)
17 Concern about container for a rifle (7)
18 Josip Broz's detailed standard to measure concentration (7)
19 One of those imperfect witches in *Macbeth*? (7)
20 Accountant said on the Continent to be surrounded by gold (7)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,394

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London & SE traffic, roadworks

Area within M25	731
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M25 London Orbital only	736

National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
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East Anglia	741
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North-east England	743
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WEATHER

Most parts will have a bitterly cold morning with a penetrating frost. Eastern parts may have some sleet or snow showers early on. Dense freezing fog patches may persist in places, especially in the east. Western parts of England, Wales and Scotland should have some sunshine. Northern Ireland may be less cold but with some rain and sleet on hills. Outlook: very cold and frosty in central and eastern parts. Some rain in northwest.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Madrid	9	48	s
Alicante	23	73	s	Majorca	16	61	f
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Malaga	13	55	c
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	18	61	s
Amst'dm	-3	27	s	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Athens	15	59	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	5	41	s
Bangkok	28	82	f	Montreal*	-1	30	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	-12	10	s
Barcelona	10	50	f	Munich	-5	23	sn
Beirut	22	72	s	Nairobi	24	75	c
Belgrade	2	36	s	Naples	15	59	s
Berlin	-3	27	sn	N Delhi	23	73	s
Bermuda*	22	72	r	N York*	8	46	s
Biarritz	5	41	s	Nice	11	52	f
Borde'x	-3	27	s	Oslo	-2	28	sn
Brussels	-1	30	s	Paris	-1	30	c
Budapest	-1	30	f	Peking	-2	28	s
B Aires*	27	81	s	Perth	29	84	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Prague	-1	30	sn
Cape Tn	18	64	c	Reykjavik	1	34	s
Chicago*	9	48	s	Rhodes	21	70	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	-2	28	f	Riyadh	27	81	s
Cyprus	17	63	s	Rome	12	54	s
Corfu	15	59	f	Salzburg	-3	27	sn
Dublin	4	39	s	S F'risco*	12	54	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Faro	13	55	f	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Florence	5	41	f	Seoul	2	35	s
Frankfurt	-2	28	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	16	61	f	St'kholm	0	32	sn
Geneva	3	37	s	Strasb'rg	-1	30	c
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Sydney	27	81	s
Helsinki	-6	21	f	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	19	66	c	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Innsbrck	-1	30	f	Tenerife	17	63	d
Istanbul	13	55	f	Tokyo	15	59	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	9	48	f
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Tunis	15	59	f
Karachi	32	90	s	Valencia	12	54	s
L Palmas	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	5	41	c
Le Touet	-1	30	f	Venice	6	43	s
Lisbon	11	52	f	Vienna	-1	30	sn
Locarno	5	41	f	Warsaw	-3	27	c
L Angels*	18	64	c	Wash'ton*	10	50	s
Luxembg	-3	27	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	c
Luxor	31	88	s	Zurich	-2	28	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 2C (36F); min 6pm to 6am, -1C (30F). Humidity: 6pm, 80 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.06in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,023.6 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp, Penzance, Cornwall, 8C (46F); lowest day max: Wattisham, Suffolk, -1C (30F); highest rainfall: Clacton, Essex, 0.50in; highest sunshine, Plymouth, Devon, 7.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 4C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, -02C (28F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.5hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 4C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, -3C (27F). Rain, 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun 24hr to 6pm, 3.9hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.1	0.20	4	39	snow
Anglesey	7.1	-	4	39	sunny
Belfast	5.3	0.01	5	41	bright
Birmingham	3.1	0.04	2	36	snow
Bognor Regis	3.1	-	3	37	bright
Bournemouth	1.2	-	3	37	cloudy
Bristol	-	0.04	2	36	snow
Cardiff	0.1	0.02	2	36	snow
Clacton	0.5	0.50	3	37	snow
Edinburgh	4.6	0.01	5	41	snow
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.03	1	34	snow
Exmouth	3.6	-	3	37	bright
Falmouth	2.2	-	5	41	bright
Folkestone	0.4	0.20	1	34	snow
Glasgow	5.1	-	4	39	bright
Guernsey	-	0.07	5	41	shower
Hastings	0.8	0.14	1	34	snow
Hurstanton	3.5	0.37	2	36	snow
Isle of Man	2.6	-	5	41	bright
Jersey	1.3	0.02	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	4.7	-	3	37	snow
Leeds	2.2	0.13	2	36	snow
Lerwick	-	-	3	37	snow
Littlehampton	2.8	-	3	37	bright
Liverpool	5.5	-	3	37	bright
London	2.2	0.08	2	36	snow
Lowestoft	1.6	0.05	2	36	snow
Manchester	3.6	-	3	37	bright
Margate	X	0.06	2	36	snow
Minehead	X	0.41	2	36	snow
Newcastle	2.2	0.08	4	39	snow
Newquay	4.8	-	4	39	sunny
Nottingham	3.8	0.10	0	32	snow
Penzance	4.2	-	8	46	bright
Plymouth	7.2	-	5	41	sunny
Poole	0.5	-	3	37	cloudy
Saunton Snd	3.5	-	4	39	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	0.4	-	2	36	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Teignmouth	3.9	-	4	39	sunny
Tiree	2.4	-	5	41	bright
Torquay	1.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Weymouth	4.2	-	3	37	sunny

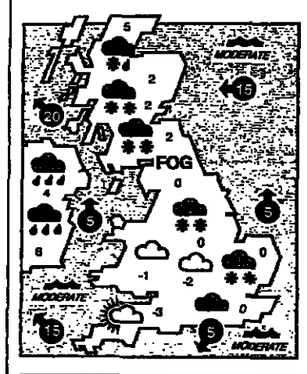
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TOURIST RATES

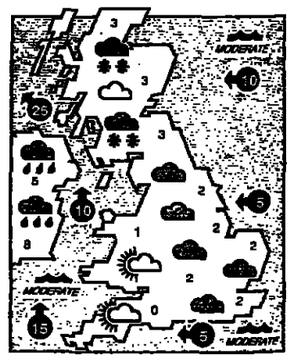
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Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	16.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	55.84	52.24
Canada $	2.060	1.900
Cyprus Cypŝ	0.785	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.59	9.79
Finland Mkk	9.19	8.39
France Fr	9.18	8.48
Germany Dm	2.88	2.45
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.03	11.03
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2568.00	2414.00
Japan Yen	177.00	157.50
Malta Mltt	0.820	0.565
Netherlands Gld	2.972	2.742
Norway Kr	11.52	10.72
Portugal Esc	266.50	246.00
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	210.00	196.00
Sweden Kr	12.79	11.59
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
USA $	1.570	1.440

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.32 pm to 7.02 am
Bristol 4.42 pm to 7.11 am
Edinburgh 4.23 pm to 7.35 am
Manchester 4.31 pm to 7.19 am
Penzance 4.59 pm to 7.18 am

Sun rises: 7.32 am
Sun sets: 4.02pm
Moon sets: 1.25 am
Moon rises: 1.19 pm

Full moon November 29

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

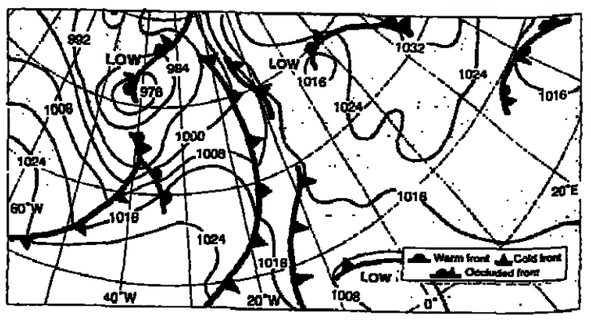
Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	4	39	s	Guernsey	4	39	c
B'mingham	1	34	s	Inverness	-3	27	fg
Blackpool	3	37	f	Jersey	4	39	s
Bristol	2	36	c	London	1	34	c
Cardiff	3	37	c	M'nchester	1	34	f
Edinburgh	1	34	c	Newcastle	1	34	sn
Glasgow	1	34	s	R'nldsway	4	39	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.33	5.7	9.27	5.9	Liverpool	8.34	7.3	6.53	7.7
Aberdeen	9.08	3.4	9.12	3.5	Lowestoft	4.01	2.2	5.43	2.1
Avonmouth	1.48	9.4	2.27	10.2	Margate	6.52	4.0	7.58	4.0
Belfast	6.32	2.8	5.46	3.1	Milford Haven	1.16	5.2	1.49	5.5
Cardiff	1.33	9.3	2.12	9.6	Newquay	12.16	5.3	12.49	5.6
Devonport	12.40	4.3	12.56	4.5	Oban	1.21	2.9	2.00	3.2
Dover	6.12	5.5	7.04	5.3	Penzance	—	—	12.12	4.5
Falmouth	12.10	4.1	12.28	4.3	Portland	1.02	1.4	1.04	1.4
Glasgow	7.57	4.1	8.25	4.3	Portsmouth	6.40	4.1	7.06	3.8
Harwich	6.28	3.3	7.26	3.3	Shoreham	6.18	5.0	6.58	4.8
Holyhead	6.07	4.4	6.15	4.6	Southampton	6.39	3.7	6.55	3.6
Hull	12.46	6.0	2.12	5.6	Swansea	1.13	7.3	1.45	7.5
Ilfracombe	12.52	6.8	1.30	7.2	Tees	11.25	4.4	11.32	4.5
King's Lynn	1.08	5.1	2.14	4.9	Wilton-on-Nze	6.29	3.5	7.28	3.5
Leith	10.03	4.5	10.14	4.6					

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North West Water chief quits after board row

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BOB Thian, one of the best-known names in the water industry, has quit abruptly as chief executive of North West Water after a row with the rest of the board.

Mr Thian, 50, who joined in January 1990, just months after the water utility was privatised, was on a rolling three-year contract of £200,000, and is, therefore, facing a potential pay-off of £600,000. Details are currently being worked out by lawyers for both sides.

The announcement, entirely unexpected despite some evidence of friction of late on the North West board, left the shares 12p lower at 527p. The company, which is due to report interim figures on December 9, included a comfort statement for shareholders stressing that the departure of Mr Thian did not indicate any financial problems.

"The results will lie within the current range of market expectations and will contain no unexpected financial features of adverse statements," North West said.

The City suspected a personality clash between Mr Thian and Sir Desmond Pitcher, the chairman, who was appointed last April, reinforced by a possible disagreement over future policy. North West has been diversifying strongly out of the core water operation.

The water company is now involved in the manufacture of process instrumentation and in building water treatment plants overseas, having won significant contracts in Malaysia, Mexico, Thailand, Australia and Macau.

Sir Desmond, a former head of Littlewoods, the retail and football pools combine, where he remains vice chairman, had been a non-executive on the North West board for two years.

A spokesman for the company said of Mr Thian's departure: "Like any organisation we have from time to time taken stock of the style and approach of the management in the business. The company has really considered that now is the time to vary the style and approach of management."

Mr Thian, described by a former colleague as "a very strong individual," is thought to have disagreed with Sir Desmond and the rest of the board over the increasing decentralisation that has come with the diversification and preferred a corporate structure that concentrated power at the top. He arrived from the pharmaceutical industry and was known to be keen on pushing ahead with that diversification, despite the higher than average capital spending programme and environmental problems North West is facing at home.

His departure is not the first to have upset the board since privatisation. Steve McAdam quit last year as finance director after just 10 months in the job, after another apparent clash of personalities.

Nigel Hawkins, water analyst at Hoare Govett, the broker, commented: "The City has been aware that there has not been unanimity on strategy for some time, and the decision is possibly partly a consequence of that." But he emphasised that there was no "black hole" in North West's accounts.

A replacement for Mr Thian will be found in due course, but until then Sir Desmond will run the group from day to day with the help of Derek Green, managing director of the core regulated water business, and Bob Ferguson, Mr McAdam's replacement as finance director.

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Bob Thian, who is in line for a £600,000 pay-off, joined the company just after privatisation in 1990

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Markets slide on recovery worries

BY MICHAEL CLARK, JOANNA PITMAN AND SARA MCCONNELL

SHARE prices and bonds around the world fell sharply as leading stock markets were buffeted by worries that economic revival is faltering.

More than £7 billion was wiped from the value of quoted companies on the London stock market as the FT-SE 100 index tumbled 37.4 points, to close near its low of the day at 3,070.6. Investors began the second leg of the pre-Budget account on a nervous note, fearing a sell-off on Wall Street after the weekend. Worries are growing that American interest rates may be forced higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 40 points in early trading, and US bonds were also sharply lower. New York's financial markets will be closed on Thursday for Thanksgiving, so prospects of a sustained rally this week seem remote.

Technical factors in London have helped to depress sentiment. The middle leg of a three-week account is traditionally quiet, and with the Budget less than a week away, fund managers are reluctant to open fresh positions.

Market-makers said selling pressure in London had been easily contained, a point reinforced by low turnover; only 455 million shares changed hands. Government bonds took a lead from the depressed American bond market and from German money supply figures, which were worse than expected. Falls at the longer end ranged to £¾.

The losses in London followed an overnight fall in Tokyo, where the rattled nerves of Japan's institutional investors received another wrench. The Tokyo stock market lost more than 3 per cent of its value, as investors rushed to sell on fears of a further delay in the long-awaited economic recovery.

The Nikkei average plunged 556.35 points, to close the day at 17,384.84 after an estimated 300 million shares had been traded. It was the second-biggest loss of the year. Dealers also reported heavy selling of the index-linked arbitrage, which enables investors to bet on the movement of the index. This contributed to the market's rapid decline.

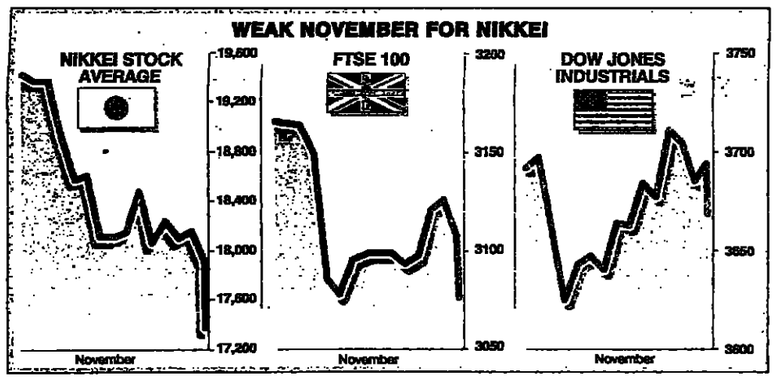
The Tokyo stock market has been on a downward trend for several days and both brokers and investors predict further declines this week, in the expected absence of cheering news. The degree and speed of yesterday's fall, however, took many investors by surprise.

In explanation, some cited disappointment at the weekend's inconclusive Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) meetings in Seattle, in which Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's prime minister, declined to make any clear statements about measures to boost the ailing domestic economy. The losses in London coincided with the news that net sales of unit trusts last month totalled £846 million, the highest level of October sales on record. This compares with net sales of £37 million in the same month last year. The level of unit trust funds under management also reached a record high of £88.5 billion, with the number of unit holders up 12 per cent at 4.89 million.

Strong demand from individual investors was the main reason for the surge. Net sales to private investors were £575 million, while sales of trusts to institutions were £271 million.

The total net inflow into unit trusts so far this year has been £7.8 billion.

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British Coal 'may face £300m damages claim'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE European Court of Justice is moving toward a ruling that could open the way for claims of up to £300 million in damages against British Coal by private mining groups.

Walter Van Gerven, a court advocate general, has filed a legal opinion that suggests British Coal breached treaties of both the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Community by charging independent rivals high licence fees and paying them low prices for their products.

The court, which will study the opinion before handing down its judgment in February or March, has previously obliged British Aerospace to repay more than £40 million of illegal subsidies provided by the British government.

Acknowledging the importance of the ruling, British Coal said: "If Mr Van Gerven's opinion is followed, this would result in a significant change. Naturally, we are concerned, but it must be remembered that the cases still have to be substantiated."

Three years ago, British Coal was obliged to cut both of its royalty tariffs to a fraction of their former level by a European Court judgment. That ruling also obliged the largest UK generating companies to pay private mines more for their coal. The private mining sector has subsequently expanded production to 4 million tonnes a year, 3 million from opencast, the rest from underground.

The action against British Coal has been brought by 18 private mining groups. If the opinion is substantiated by the court judgment, they will pursue their claims through the United Kingdom courts.

British Coal yesterday confirmed plans to close Littleton Colliery, near Cannock, Staffordshire, and launch a review of prospects for Wearmouth Colliery in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Together, the pits employ 1,168 men.

The announcements, anticipated in *The Times* yesterday, bring to seven the number of pits earmarked for closure since the beginning of this month.

Littleton was one of British Coal's "core" pits, previously earmarked to stay open. But the corporation said the pit's losses amounted to £2.8 million in the past six months, the highest in British Coal's Midlands group.

Launching the review in the North East coalfield, the corporation said there was "no realistic prospect for selling the coal mined at Wearmouth", where 640 men work.

The review announcement contained mixed news for the big Ellington colliery at Morpeth, Northumberland, which employs 1,200 men. British Coal said that although the pit had won a 15-month contract to supply coal to a British Alcan plant nearby, there was "a need to continue the drive to reduce costs and increase efficiency".

Levitt decides to admit guilt on one charge

BY JON ASHWORTH

ROGER Levitt, the former head of The Levitt Group now on trial, has changed his plea and admitted one charge of fraudulent trading.

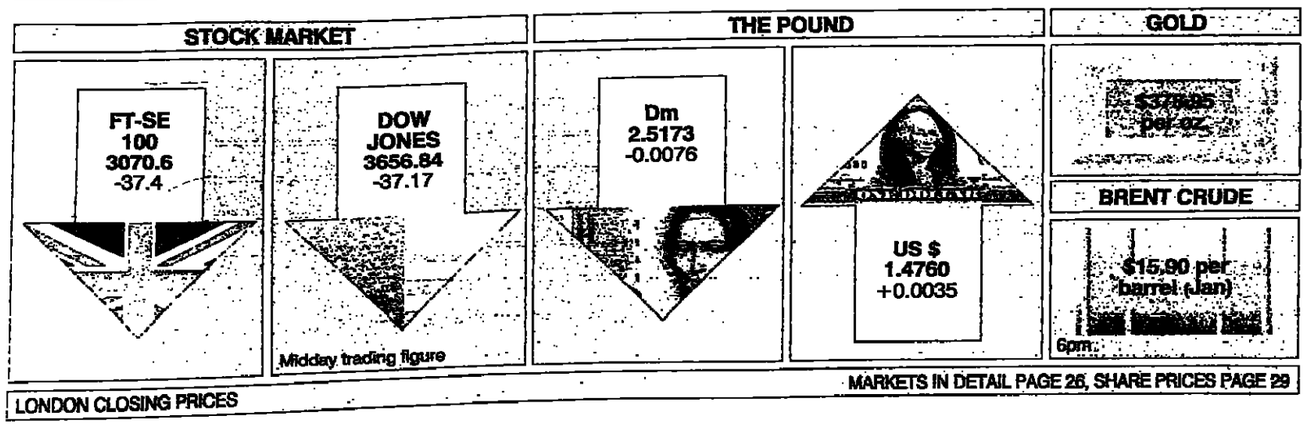
Mr Levitt, 44, admits to fraudulently misleading the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra). He denies fraudulently producing and distributing false accounts and fraudulently injecting funds into his financial services company, which collapsed in December 1990 with debts of £34 million.

Mr Levitt's decision to change his plea followed days of legal argument and came more than a week after an Old Bailey jury heard him described as the mastermind of a massive fraud designed to shore up his ailing financial empire. When the indictment was read to him again yesterday, Mr Levitt, who specialised in advising celebrity clients, made it clear that he was pleading guilty to only one of three main allegations contained in the charge against him. He told the jury that he admitted fraudulently misleading Fimbra.

The charge, part of an overall count of fraudulent trading, said that Mr Levitt produced or caused to be produced "false, misleading and deceptive" documents that purported to show that fees of £20.7 million received by The Levitt Group stemmed from personal advisory work carried out by Mr Levitt in the 18 months to June 1990.

After hearing Mr Levitt's new plea, the jury formally returned a verdict of guilty against him. David Cocks, QC, for the prosecution, said that he would decide today whether to accept the new plea. He agreed with Mr Justice Laws that this was because a "larger picture" might then be brought before the court.

Mr Cocks told the judge that Mr Levitt's three co-defendants "may wish to consider their position" overnight. Mark Reed, 40, Alan McNamara, 29, and Robert Price, 42, deny a single joint charge of fraudulent trading.



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EC moves to prevent BCCI-style collapses

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN ministers have agreed to tighten banking supervision in an effort to ensure a BCCI-style collapse is not repeated.

The fraud-ridden BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International) was closed by the Bank of England and other banking supervisors in July 1991. But the central bank has suffered a great deal of criticism over the way BCCI was regulated.

It was criticised in a government and Bank-commissioned report by Lord Justice Bingham, who said the Bank failed to take appropriate action despite receiving a series of warnings that fraud was taking place at BCCI.

BCCI's holding company was incorporated in Luxembourg, although most of its activities were outside that country. As a result there was much debate over which country was responsible for its regulation.

A Treasury spokesman said yesterday that proposals for the directive were first put forward in November last year after the Bingham report and an EC study into the BCCI collapse.

The agreement has yet to be approved by the European parliament, and is expected to become an EC directive by the middle of next year.

Ministers agreed on four main points.

The directive will establish a requirement that financial-group structures should not be so complicated that they prevent the exercise of prudential supervision. For example, shareholding structures must be clear so that supervisors can see who controls the bank.

Financial institutions must maintain their head offices in the same member state as their registered offices.

An extension of the list of bodies with which confidential supervisory and prudential information can be exchanged. Although the ability to exchange such information already exists between European banking regulators, it will be extended to others, such as the regulators of liquidators and auditors.

The fourth and most controversial point is to expand the role of auditors, who will be obliged to tell a supervisory authority when they find wrong-doings by institutions they audit. This includes the auditors of non-financial institutions with a link to financial institutions. For instance, they will have to report suspicions about inter-company loans or outstanding debts.

A report from BCCI's liquidators to the Department of Trade and Industry earlier this year showed the bank had a black hole of $12.4 billion.

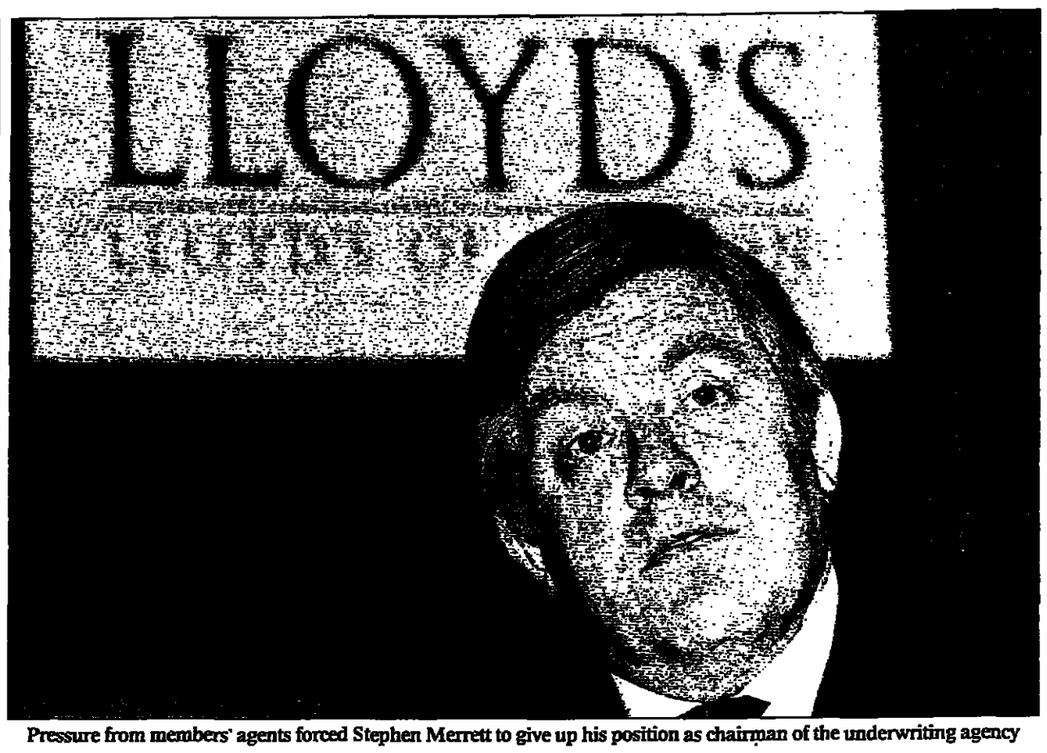
Yesterday's agreement by the 12 European ministers follows a Group of 10 agreement in July last year to tighten up banking supervision.

A Bank of England spokesman said: "The new directive is putting into practice regulations agreed in Basle last year."

The Basle Committee on Banking Supervision set minimum standards of the regulation of any international bank to ensure institutions cannot escape effective regulation.

The main safeguard of the Basle agreement is that international banks will be policed on a worldwide basis by a home-country authority.

It was also agreed to open up information channels so that the home-country supervisors would have access to information from any other countries where the bank operates.



Pressure from members' agents forced Stephen Merrett to give up his position as chairman of the underwriting agency

Merrett names face £300m run-off costs

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S names on syndicates run by Merrett Underwriting Agency Management face run-off costs of more than £300 million if attempts to persuade members' agents to support the managing agency fail. Each name would face an average bill of £20,000 but many could have to pay much more.

Yesterday, David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, and Peter Middleton, chief executive, met with leading members' agents to try to persuade them to back the syndicates. Little progress was made but Lloyd's stressed that discussions were still underway.

If the talks fail, the 5,353 names on Merrett's biggest syndicate, 418, could face run-off costs of £106 million, an average of £19,800. The 892 names on syndicate 264 could have to pay £27 million, an average of £30,269, according to estimates made by Merrett earlier this year.

The chances of names avoiding the costs of running off the syndicates have looked bleak for several months but things took a sudden turn for the worse on Friday when three senior Merrett directors left to join Zurich Re. As one members' agent said, the departure of Dennis Purkiss, chief executive, and Ken Barrett and Stewart Laderman, underwriters, was "the last straw".

Earlier in the year the agency lost Steven Burnhope, its lead underwriter, shortly before Stephen Merrett, who resigned as deputy chairman of Lloyd's, was forced to stand down as chairman under pressure from members' agents.

However, having forced through various changes at the agency many members' agents still refused to provide adequate capacity to the syndicates. This propelled Mr Merrett to look elsewhere for capital, an attempt which foundered after the collapse of separate talks with Travelers, of the US, and A J Archer, a rival agency.

EC inflation at its lowest since 1988

BY JANET BUSH

INFLATION across the European Community stood at 3.3 per cent in October, the lowest figure since the 3.2 per cent recorded in the spring of 1988. Eurostat, which published the figures, said that they indicated "near stability" in EC inflation, which has now remained within a range of 3.3 per cent and 3.6 per cent since the beginning of the year.

However, six of the 12 countries, including Germany, had annualised inflation rates in October higher than called for by convergence criteria in the Maastricht treaty. Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Denmark, Britain and the Irish Republic currently meet the treaty's tough conditions. Greece, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Luxembourg and Germany do not. Eurostat noted that, among applicants to join the EC in the next few years, Finland and Norway met the conditions, and Austria and Sweden did not.

Balladur assurance over Volvo

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

EDOUARD Balladur, the French prime minister, has assured Carl Bildt, his Swedish counterpart, that France will not use its golden share in the planned Renault-Volvo group, provided the Swedish stake does not exceed 35 per cent. In a move to assuage Volvo shareholders' concern about the merger, the French leader said his government intended to sell off Renault during the second half of next year, conditions permitting.

The assurances, in a letter to Mr Bildt, were disclosed as Volvo announced that the merger would produce savings of FR42 billion for Renault-Volvo, Fr12 billion more than previous estimates.

Pehr Gyllenhammar, Volvo president, said he was optimistic shareholders would now approve the merger. The letter was made public the day after Alcazar, a planned alliance involving Scandinavian Airlines System, was aborted.

GEC Alsthom wins £255m power order

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GEC Alsthom has won a £255 million order to build a power station in West Sumatra, Indonesia.

The contract is the latest in a spate of orders won by British power equipment and power generation companies in the Far East, amounting to several billion pounds.

GEC Alsthom, an Anglo-French joint venture whose chief architect was Lord Weinstock, will supply a third of the key components for the 200 megawatt coal-burning plant from its UK factories. The rest will come from France.

Last week Rolls-Royce announced contract successes worth £660 million to build three power stations in India, bringing the company's total power equipment orders from India in the past 18 months to more than £750 million.

Rolls has also secured substantial power engineering orders in recent months in Malaysia and Singapore and is now bidding to build a plant in Indonesia. Meanwhile, Nuclear Electric, the largest United Kingdom state-owned atomic power company, is bidding with Westinghouse of the United States to build in Taiwan a nuclear power plant modelled on its Sizewell B power station, now nearing completion in Suffolk.



Weinstock: success

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

SOUTH STAFFS WATER
Pre-tax: £5.8m (£5.1m)
EPS: 80.8p (78.7p)
Div: 16.5p (15.0p)
Interim results. Turnover rose to £27.8m (£25.9m). Group has seen significant progress this year, with a satisfactory outcome expected.

SHANI GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.44m (£1.96m)
EPS: 11.3p (9.2p)
Div: 3.5p, mkg 5.3p
Last time's total dividend was 4.4p. Turnover advanced to £20m (£12m). Company said its autumn and winter ranges successfully received.

SHIRES INV (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.64m (£2.75m)
EPS: 8.49p (8.26p)
Div: 4.2p, mkg 8.3p
Company said total dividends for the year to end-March would not be less than 16.8p per share. The net asset value stood at 282.0p (250.3p).

ALLEN (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.28m
EPS: 3.87p (2.85p)
Div: 1.65p (1.65p)
There was a profit of £855,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £30.5m (£24.7m). Gearing reduced to 42% (48%). Allen expects more progress.

BAKYRCHIK GOLD (Int)
Pre-tax: $67,000 loss
LPS: 0.45c
Div: Nil
As outlined at the time of the placing, the company said it intended to recommend a dividend as soon as practicable.

JAMES CROPPER (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.14m
EPS: 9.0p (4.8p)
Div: 1.1p (0.95p)
There was a profit of £595,000 last time. Turnover rose to £21.4m (£20.3m). Company said the forward order book was reasonable.

BOUSTEAD
Pre-tax: £593,000
EPS: 0.1p (LPS: 0.4p)
Div: 0.35p (0.35p)
Results are for nine months. There was a loss of £117,000 last time. Turnover fell to £47m (£60.4). No short-term upswing expected.

HILCLARE (Int)
Pre-tax: £45,000 loss
LPS: 0.9p (1.7p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £70,000 last time. Company is making a rights issue, on a two-for-seven basis, at 38p a share, to raise £315,000.

HEWETSON (Int)
Pre-tax: £158,000
LPS: 0.16p (EPS: 2.09p)
Div: 0.5p (0.5p)
There was a profit of £476,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £15.1m (£14.3m). Gearing increased to 44%. Profits fall reflects tough trading.

BRITISH INV TRUST (Int)
Pre-tax: £13m (£11.8m)
EPS: 2.77p (2.58p)
Div: 2.0p (1.9p)
The net asset value rose to 219p (164p). Total income increased to £22m (£19.4m). Group said outlook for future income more promising.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Emap advertising shows first rise in three years

THE first rise in advertising revenue for three years is reported by some titles owned by Emap, the publishing and exhibitions group, which has revealed encouraging interim figures. Profits before tax in the six months to October 2 improved from £14.8 million to £16.6 million, and the dividend has been raised by 8 per cent to 2.25p. The shares jumped 10p to 355p.

Robin Miller, the chief executive, said that while he was unwilling to herald the end of recession there had been a marked change. Advertising revenue growth was particularly strong in women's and entertainment magazines where revenues were ahead 7 per cent and in local newspapers where job advertisements, considered an economic barometer, are 25 per cent up on the same period in 1992. But Mr Miller said any imposition of VAT on newspapers and magazines in the Budget could be counter-productive, exerting pressure on weaker publications that could then fold, cutting tax revenue. Tempus, page 27

BASF profit tumbles

PROFITS fell heavily at BASF in the first nine months of the year, but the low point of the cycle has been reached, the chemicals group said. Consolidated pre-tax profits for the first nine months of the year fell 44 per cent from a year earlier to DM607 million, but sales fell 4.6 per cent to DM32.6 billion. After the deduction of taxes on oil products and natural gas, sales totalled DM30.7 billion. Jürgen Strube, president, said: "The amounts sold and results have begun to stabilise." Herr Strube said that the dividend this year might be reduced; the 1992 dividend was DM10.

Filofax jumps to £1.26m

PROFITS at Filofax, the personal organiser company, leapt 33 per cent to £1.26 million in the half year to end-September and Christmas prospects look promising, the company says. Earnings per share are down from 4.3p to 4p, as previous tax losses have been almost exhausted, resulting in a tax charge up 30 per cent to £375,000. The half-way dividend is 0.75p, against 0.5p last time. The company has made three acquisitions in the last four months and is looking for more. UK organic sales are up more than 20 per cent, while those in the Pacific Rim and continental Europe are also growing.

Price Waterhouse slips

A DROP in demand for management consultancy services cost Price Waterhouse £13 million last year. Total UK fee income fell to £383.3 million (£395.1 million) in the year to end-June. Audit and tax showed modest gains, but management consultancy declined 14 per cent to £83.9 million. Corporate finance and recovery fell 5 per cent to £53.2 million. Ian Brindle, senior UK partner, blamed the decline in consultancy on low UK corporate transaction activity and lack of client investment. PW's European network made unchanged fee income of SFr2 billion (£900 million).

Newspaper group falls

GUARDIAN and Manchester Evening News, which publishes *The Guardian* and *The Observer*, said pre-tax profits in the six months to October 2 fell to £11.5 million (£14.7 million) partly due to the acquisition of *The Observer* from Lonrho. However, directors said there were now indications that some improvement may be seen in the second half. Guardian and Manchester said good progress had been made in merging commercial and pre-press production operations at *The Observer* with those of *The Guardian*, with consequential improvements in costs and revenues.

US disposal for Hanson

HANSON has started its campaign to reduce debt through disposals by selling Axelson, the Texan oil equipment firm, to Wheatley TXT Corporation, the American oilfield services company, for £56 million. Hanson announced its intention to reduce debts after it bought Quantum Chemical, the US firm, for £2 billion in September. The deal raised the group's gearing to more than 80 per cent in spite of the issue of new shares worth £550 million, and net debt increased by about £1.7 billion. Axelson was acquired in 1984 as part of Hanson's purchase of US Industries.

Kenwood sales leap 9%

THE small kitchen appliance sector is reviving, according to Tim Parker, chief executive of Kenwood Appliances. Announcing interim pre-tax profits of £5.4 million, he said sales were up to 9 per cent ahead of last year. The profits figure was in spite of spending £400,000 to end existing distribution arrangements in Germany and the US. Earnings per share of 9.6p in the six months to the end of September compare with a pro-forma 9.2p last time, and the interim dividend is doubled to 3p. Kenwood is to curb investment in America to focus on Europe and the Middle East.



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☐ Water group discovers the trouble with Cadbury ☐ Ferranti and Queens Moat: the egm factor ☐ What future for ProShare?

Two's a crowd at North West

☐ BOB Thian could no doubt explain succinctly why the Cadbury code's preference for separating the roles of chairman and chief executive is not shared by many of Britain's top company managers. As one central practitioner of the code's aims has explained, chief executives' desire to combine the two jobs when their chairman retires is not the case of megalomania so often painted. They know by experience that, much as a new managing director is inclined to fire the advertising agent, so a strong incoming non-executive chairman is inclined to sack an incumbent chief executive, if only because that is about the only way he can start exerting his influence. No wonder chief executives desperately look for a laid-back non-executive to fill the chairman's role if they cannot have it themselves.

The appointment of Sir Desmond Pitcher, until then chief executive of the private Littlewoods empire, to chair North West Water from April this year, attracted little initial attention outside the region. Dennis Grove, the chairman who had taken North West into the private sector by the time Mr Thian arrived as chief executive, had increasingly taken a self-effacing back seat role in his last 18 months in office, leaving Mr Thian firmly in control of the £2 billion group that rivals Thames for the title of Britain's top water company. Sir Desmond, a well-known public figure in the North West, was thought to be a politically astute choice as figurehead, but since he was not to be full-time, the group's management was assumed to lie with Mr Thian.

As many another manager has discovered, however, a vigorous 58-year-old chairman can do an awful lot as a "part-timer". In this case, it is no surprise that the parting of the ways came sooner rather than later. Sir Desmond decided to take a high City profile and, only last week, noted in an interview that his friendly manner led people to be surprised when he took strong actions. Not the self-effacing words of a Cadbury-style chairman.

Mr Thian is himself an aggressive manager who has parted with rather more senior board colleagues at North West than the book of good business etiquette would regard as ideal. If Mr Thian were to stay as chief executive, there would have been little role for Sir Desmond. That there were differences between the two is hardly surprising. Mr Thian, for instance, led the water company school that wanted to get on with improvements as fast as possible and was impatient with interference by the financial regulator. Sir Desmond, the natural politician, is inclined to row back, keep prices down and keep in with the regulator.

That could be important for North West in Ofwat's upcoming price review. The company is fulfilling an heroic capital investment programme smoothly. But it does not figure among the top companies on many of the efficiency tests Ofwat applies. Without some careful diplomacy, North West could become one of the more notable sufferers from the price review.

Two extraordinary companies

☐ IT is, alas, all too evident that Queens Moat Houses and Ferranti International have things in common: not least the fact that each has been forced to call an EGM under section 142 of the Companies Act 1985 to discuss the diminution of net assets to less than half the share capital.

It took Stanley Metcalfe, chairman of Queens Moat, only minutes to adjourn yesterday's EGM which, as foreshadowed, was postponed until after next Monday's AGM. That is expected to prove something akin to the Gunfight at the Connaught Corral. Only a few shareholders attended the rehearsal and even fewer bothered to vote on adjournment, the outcome being seven to four in favour. Not that Metcalfe, who held proxies representing close on a third of the equity, would have been pressed if matters had gone to the wire.

Ferranti's EGM, held early last month, proved the prelude to GEC's rescue bid of 1p a share: a bid which requires 90 per cent acceptances and which John Katz, spearheading the Ferranti Shareholders Support Association, is doing all he can to frustrate.



Katz dashed off some further correspondence to Ferranti's Eugene Anderson over the weekend. The relatively well worn themes include: Why not let GEC go unconditional with 51 per cent? What value the intellectual property, tax losses of more than £300 million and an overfunded pension scheme?

More interesting is Katz's criticism that the association's pleas for "all financial information in the public domain" have been refused.

A second letter from Katz to Anderson argues that "the interests of shareholders and jobs in industry are synonomous". With such thoughts in mind, Katz plans to ask SG Warburg, GEC's advisers, for a guarantee that Ferranti's workforce will be maintained — a guarantee he will not receive.

And, just for good measure, Katz yesterday penned a three-page missive to Baring Brothers, Ferranti's advisers, stating that Ferranti's advice that receivership is the only alternative to GEC's offer is incorrect. "Administration is not only an alternative but probably a better route."

Anderson, when he disclosed Ferranti's mid-year results, fully addressed many of the points Katz raises so, conceivably, a further exchange of information may not go amiss. Then again Katz, seated on his high horse, should not lose sight of the fact that a significant percentage of Ferranti's small shareholders are speculators who just happened to get it wrong.

Shareholders in Queens Moat did not enjoy the benefit of Anderson's consistent health warnings.

More interest could pay dividends

☐ NOW that the main stock market privatisations are nearly over, the government is likely to lose interest in share ownership pretty rapidly. Will the corporate sector fill the gap? One measure will be the fate of ProShare, which was founded to promote individual share ownership and has just made a splash by relaunching investment clubs.

ProShare was initially given three years' funding, including £250,000 from the government and funding in kind from the Stock Exchange. Support from the latter will almost certainly continue in 1995 but government may decide its seedcorn contribution is no longer needed. Meanwhile, ProShare is hoping to up its sights with campaigns to reach more of the millions who got no further than privatisation stocks.

Why cannot the corporate sector, which was so keen for ProShare to be set up, do more to help? True, several banks and firms with a direct interest in share trading or employee share schemes have backed it, as has David Sainsbury's Gatsby Trust. Smaller firms wanting advice have swelled corporate membership to almost 100. Yet the roll-call from top companies, while distinguished, remains short.

This looks yet another example of the lack of interest in private investors in the boardroom, where they are too often seen as an expensive administrative nuisance. With growing trading activities, not least servicing 8,000 individual members, ProShare might eventually become self-financing on the model of ProNed. This would underline its independence, allowing it to campaign for the private investor without complaints from the bigwigs. Yet ProShare should not have to battle to deepen share ownership against widespread indifference among big companies.

New Babcock chiefs launch review after £9.2m interim loss

BY SARAH BAGNALL

BABCOCK International's two new brooms, Dr John Parker, chief executive, and Nick Salmon, managing director, are set to put the engineering group's operations under the microscope in an attempt to rebuild profits.

Dr Parker, formerly chief executive at Harland & Wolff, and Mr Salmon, who used to be deputy managing director at GEC Alsthom's gas-turbine and diesel division, joined the group six weeks ago.

Since then they have been on a fact-finding mission and are now starting an internal review of all the group's businesses. "We are undertaking a three-year strategic review, the results of which will be put to the board early next year," said Dr Parker.

"I am confident that we can rebuild profits and dividends cautiously to satisfactory levels again. We are already rationalising various parts of the business but as with any review we can't rule out that there will not be more changes needed," he added.

Yesterday, Babcock, chaired by Lord King, announced a £9.2 million loss for the six months to the end of September, compared with a profit of £16.6 million last time. The bad news was already in the share price: two months ago the group announced it was to provide £21 million for cost overruns on a key project and the closure costs of mining activities in Africa.

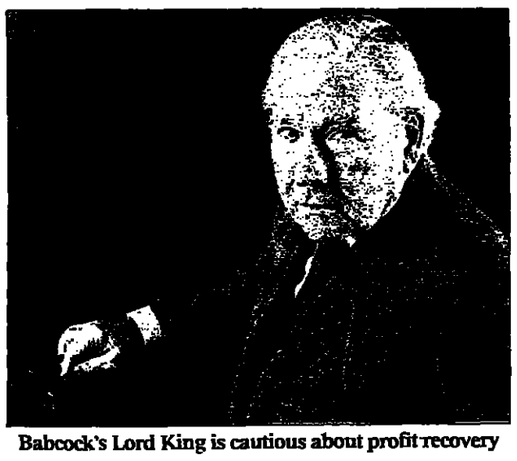
Babcock also warned shareholders the provision would push it into a loss for the half year and there would be no interim dividend. As a result the shares fell nearly 25 per cent to 31.5p. Yesterday they fell from 28¾p to 27½p.

Lord King said the directors were cautious about the rate of the group's recovery and that "a decision on the payment of a final dividend will be made in the light of the outcome for the year as a whole".

Of the provision, £15 million relates to cost overruns on the completion of the Drax flue gas desulphurisation contract, worth more than £400 million. Dr Parker said the clean-up of Drax, one of the biggest such projects in the world, was technically proceeding to plan.

Tests on one of the sulphur-absorber towers at Drax showed it was removing about 93 per cent of environmentally harmful gases going up the flue, he said. The first two towers are due to be completed next month, ahead of schedule.

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Babcock's Lord King is cautious about profit recovery

Pearson to sell US oil shares

PEARSON, the publishing conglomerate, is to sell 55 per cent of Camco, its US oil services division (Patricia Tehan writes).

The 13.75 million shares will be sold in a public offering on the New York Stock Exchange, priced at between $17 and $19. Pearson said yesterday that underwriters would be granted options to increase the size of the offering to 63.25 per cent of Camco.

The company plans to give a clearer indication of the price on December 8. The sale values Camco at up to $475 million and Pearson could raise $300 million. It will also benefit from the repayment of $105 million of inter-company debt by Camco.

Spanish fears hit Holliday

ONE of the year's successful new issues has become the first to give a profits warning.

Shares in Holliday Chemical Holdings, maker of dyes and other compounds, have plunged to well under their 195p issue price on news of trouble at a Spanish offshoot. At the time of the March debut, analysts were primed to expect a 1993 profit increase. But the firm announced profits would now be similar to the £12.4 million for 1992, sending its shares diving 51p to 174p. Holliday gave warning of price competition at the August interim stage. The third quarter fall had thereafter been "abnormally severe."

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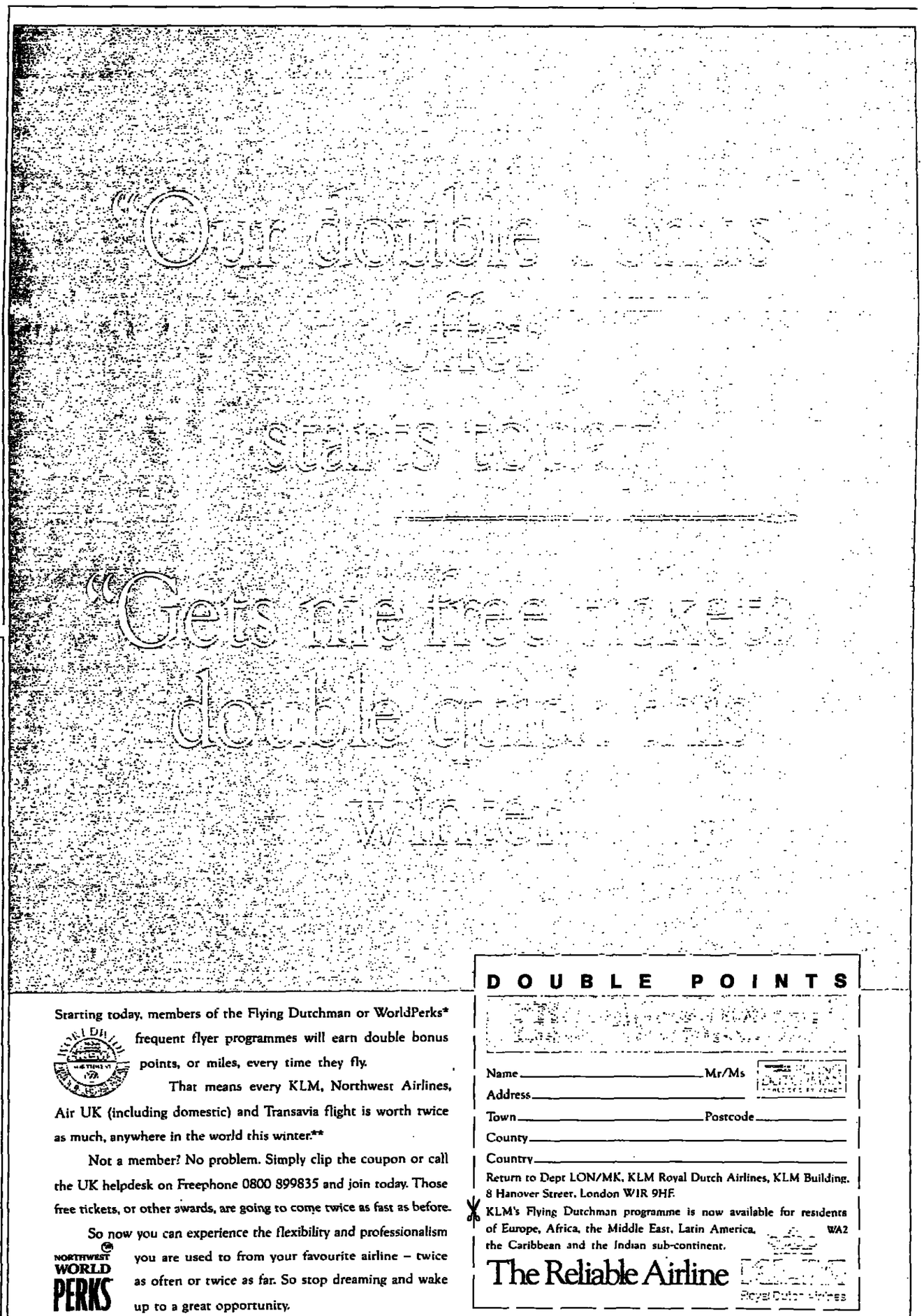
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Wall Street alarm bells push London lower

SHARE prices and government bonds beat a hasty retreat on the London stock market as investors braced themselves for a shake-out in New York.

Their fears were well-founded, with the Dow Jones industrial average opening more than 30 points lower, while bonds also lost ground amid mounting speculation about a possible rise in US interest rates. To make matters worse London's losses followed hard on the heels of a 500-point plus fall in Tokyo.

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its low of the day, 37.4 points down at 3,070.6. But selling pressure proved to be light, with a turnover of only 453 million shares. Pre-Budget trading is traditionally quiet, and with only a week to go, there is little incentive for institutions to open fresh positions. With Wall Street closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, the short-term outlook remains uncertain.

BT fell 7p to 462p after JP Morgan Securities reduced its recommendation for the shares from a buy to market performer. The move was greeted by heavy selling of BT shares on Wall Street. Heavy American selling was also responsible for a fall in **Reuters** of 41p to £15.86.

Lonrho firmed 2p to 140½p after re-stating its 1992 profits performance to conform to FRS 3 standards.

British Aerospace added 1p to 424p amid speculation that BMW, the German motor

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manufacturer, may bid for Rover. The speculation has intensified following confirmation that George Simpson is leaving Rover to join Lucas Industries as chief executive.

Babcock International retreated 2¾p to 26p after revealing the market's worst fears with interim pre-tax losses of £9.18 million compared with profit for the corresponding period of £16.61 million. There is no dividend. The loss was struck after provisions totalling £21 million relating to the Drax power station contract.

Pearson dropped 10p to 559p as it unveiled plans to float off 55 per cent of Camco International, its oil equipment and services division.

Emap, the publisher, climbed 10p to 355p, cheered by better than expected first half figures.

P&O deferred hardened 7p to 563p as the market gave a thumbs-up to the group's move into China with the purchase for £27 million of a 25 per cent stake in the Shekou Container Terminal.

Tiphook, the troubled container and trailer rental group, touched 57p before recovering to close 2p firmer at 65p as Moody's, the debt rating agency, downgraded the company's $700 million debt mountain from "possible downgrade" to "direction uncertain". Only last week the group announced it was in talks with Transamerica to sell its container fleet for at least £830 million.

Proudfoot, the management consultant, rallied 5p to 64p after saying it knew of no reason for the recent fall in the share price.

Filofax responded to a 32 per cent increase in first half pre-tax profits to £1.26 million by firming 1p to 159p.

It was a volatile debut for **Litho Supplies**, which opened at 208p compared with the offer price of 190p, before retreating to end the day at 192p.

□ **GILT-EDGED** followed US bonds lower in nervous trading which left the December series of the long gilt down £21/32 at £115⅛ as 65,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was £¾ down at £119 1/32, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was five ticks easier at £113 5/8.

□ **NEW YORK** Analysts blamed sell programs and higher interest rates for the continuing broad based decline which led to a fall in the Dow Jones industrial average of 37.17 points to 3,656.84. Declining shares led advancing issues four to one. Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp. said: "This is a market which is doing worse than it looks."

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

	Nov 22 midday	Nov 19 close
AMP Inc	58	58
AMR Corp	67	68
Abbott Labs	28	29
Aetna Life	59	59
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	24	24
Alcan Alumnm	20	21
Alco Standard	47	46
Allied Signal	70	71
Alum Co of Am	70	70
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	46	47
Amer Brands	33	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	30	30
Amer Genl Corp	27	27
Amer Home Pr	63	63
Amer Intl	88	88
Amer Stores	40	41
Amer T & T	56	56
Ameritech	76	77
Amoco	54	55
Anheuser-Busch	49	49
Apple Computer	32	33
Archer Daniels	22	22
Arkla	8	7
Armco	5	5
Armstrng Wrld	46	46
Asarco	20	20
Ashland Oil	34	34
Atl Richfield	108	109
Auto Data Pro	54	54
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	50	50
Baker Hughes	22	22
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	36	37
BankAmerica	41	41
Bank of NY	53	54
Bankers Tr NY	74	74
Barnett Banks	38	38
Bausch & Lomb	52	52
Baxter Ind	23	23
Becton Dicknsn	36	36
Bell Atlantic	59	59
BellSouth	54	54
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	39	38
Boeing	38	38
Boise Cascade	22	22
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60
Browning Ferris	24	24
Burlington Nthn	56	56
CBS	312	316
CNA Financial	78	78
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	82	83
Campbell Soup	42	42
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	631	630
Cptl Holdings	36	36
Carolina Pwr	29	28
Caterpillar	84	85
Central & SW	29	29
Champion Ind	30	30
Chase Manhat	32	32
Chemical Bk	36	36
Chevron Corp	89	89
Chrysler	53	54
Chubb Corp	78	78
Cigna Corp	63	64
Citicorp	33	34
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	57	58
Columbia Gas	24	24
Commonw Ed	27	28
Compaq Comp	68	67
Comp Ass Int	40	40
Conagra	28	27
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	47	47
Cons Rail	61	61
Cooper Inds	52	52
Corning Inc	30	29
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	55	55
Dayton Hudson	72	73
Deere	69	70
Delta Air Lines	59	60
Deluxe Corp	35	35
Detroit Edison	31	31
Digital Equip	35	36
Dillard Dept St	40	40
Disney (Walt)	38	39
Dominion Res	45	45
Donnelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	58	58
Dow Chemical	57	57
Dow Jones	36	36
Dresser	20	21
Duke Power	41	41
Dun & Brdstreet	63	63
Du Pont	48	49
Eastman Kodak	60	61
Eaton Corp	51	51

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Emerson Elec	55	56
Engelhard Corp	24	24
Enron Corp	31	31
Entergy Corp	37	37
Ethyl Corp	17	17
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	45	45
FPL Group	35	36
Federal Express	66	66
Fed Nat Mtge	73	74
First Chicago	43	44
First Interstate	56	56
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	30	30
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	61	61
GTE Corp	36	36
Gannett	53	53
Gap Inc Del	38	38
Gen Dynamics	92	92
Gen Electric	98	99
Gen Mills	60	61
Gen Motors	53	54
Gen Reinsurance	110	110
Gen Signal	35	36
Genuine Parts	38	38
Georgia Pac	72	72
Gillette	62	62
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	41	41
Grace (W&R)	37	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29	28
Great Wstn Fin	19	18
Halliburton	33	33
Harcourt General	39	39
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	103	104
Hershey Foods	53	53
Hewlett Packard	73	74
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake Mng	20	20
Honeywell	31	31
Household Intl	35	35
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	15	15
ITT Corp	92	93
Illinois Tool	37	37
INCO	24	24
Ingersoll Rand	36	36
Inland Steel	33	33
Intel Corp	57	56
IBM	52	51
Intl Flav & Fr	108	108
Intl Paper	64	65
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	44
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	59	59
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	51	51
Knight-Ridder	55	55
Lilly (Eli)	58	59
Limited Inc	22	23
LIN Brdcstng	111	111
Lincoln Nat	42	42
Litton	69	69
Liz Claiborne	23	24
Lockheed Corp	70	70
Louisiana Pac	39	39
MCI Commun	24	25
Marriott Int	23	23
Marsh & McLnn	79	80
Masco Corp	34	34
May Dept St	41	42
Maytag Corp	16	16
McCaw Cellular	52	52
McDonalds	56	56
McDonnell D	106	107
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	41	41
Medtronic	76	76
Mellon Bk	54	54
Melville Corp	41	41
Merck Inc	35	35
Merrill Lynch	89	90
Minnesota Mine	109	110
Mobil Corp	77	77
Monsanto	68	68
Morgan (JP)	69	69
Motorola Inc	95	96
Natl Medical	11	11
Natl Semi	16	16
Natl Service Ind	24	24
Navistar Int	25	25
NBD Bancorp	29	29
NY Times A	25	25
Newmont Mng	55	55
Niag Mohawk	20	19
Nike B	50	50
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	34	34
Norfolk Sthrn	66	67
Nthn State Pwr	41	41
Norwest Corp	22	23
Nynex Corp	40	41
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	22	22
Oracle Systems	30	30

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Oryx Energy Co	22	23
Owens Corning	47	48
PNC Financial	28	28
PPG Industries	71	71
Paccar Inc	63	64
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	55	56
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	21
Paramnt Comm	76	76
Parker Hannifin	37	37
Penney (JC)	51	51
Pennzoil	58	58
Pepsico	39	40
Pfizer	65	65
Phelps Dodge	44	44
Philadel Elec	27	27
Philip Morris	55	56
Phillips Pet	30	31
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	35	35
PriceCostco	17	18
Primerica	39	40
Procter & Gmbl	55	55
Pub Serv E & G	31	31
Quaker Oats	72	72
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	35	35
Raytheon	61	61
Reebok Intl	30	31
Reynolds Metals	46	46
Roadway Srvcs	64	64
Rockwell Intl	33	33
Rohm & Haas	52	52
Royal Dutch	101	101
Rubbermaid	33	33
Safeco Corp	56	56
St Paul's Cos	86	86
Salomon Inc	43	44
Santa Fe Pac	20	20
Sara Lee Corp	26	27
Scecorp	20	19
Schering Plough	66	67
Schlumberger	61	61
Scott Paper	37	37
Seagram	27	27
Sears Roebuck	55	56
Shell Trans	60	60
Sherwin Wlms	34	34
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	37	37
Southern Co	42	43
Sthwestern Bell	40	40
Sprint Corp	33	33
Stanley Works	39	39
Sun Company	31	31
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	28	28
TRW Inc	63	63
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	45	45
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	25	25
Temple Inland	49	49
Tenneco	49	49
Texaco	65	66
Texas Inst	59	59
Texas Utilities	43	43
Textron	59	55
Time Warner	43	44
Times-Mirror	32	31
Timken	32	32
Torchmark	42	42
Toys R Us	39	40
Transamerica	54	54
Travelers Corp	31	31
Tribune	56	56
Tyco Labs	47	47
UAL Corp	141	140
UST Inc	26	26
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	109	109
Union Camp	46	46
Union Carbide	20	20
Union Pacific	63	64
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	13	13
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	38	38
US West	46	46
United Tech	62	62
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	31	31
VF Corp	43	43
WMX Tech	24	24
Wal-Mart Stores	29	29
Warner-Lambert	66	66
Wells Fargo	114	119
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	41	41
Whirlpool	62	62
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	54	53
Woolworth	22	22
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42	42
Xerox	82	83

Forte sells stake in Kentucky Chicken

BY MARTIN WALLER

FORTE, the hotel group, has raised an estimated £40 million from the sale of its half-stake in the British arm of the Kentucky Fried Chicken fast food chain to PepsiCo, the American drinks group. The stake was bought six years ago from PepsiCo for £5 million.

PepsiCo is increasingly keen on full control of such ventures and is understood to have approached Forte, which is itself concentrating on its wholly-owned hotels and restaurants, with an offer to buy back the business, which has been accepted.

News of the deal came as the marketing campaign for the stock market flotation of Forte's airline services arm, now renamed Alpha Airports Group, began with the publication this week of research from UBS, the group's broker.

Forte, where Rocco Forte is chairman, hopes to raise £210 million with the float, expected early next year, and the UBS research document is the precursor to management presentations to City institutions early next month. The document is thought to focus on the expected increase in air traffic and the relationship Alpha has built up with key clients.

UBS also forecasts that the airline catering side, which runs in parallel with the retail business at airports, will eventually expand overseas from the present base of five outlets outside Britain, an operation that could require investment beyond that available to Forte.

Proceeds from the Kentucky Fried Chicken sale, which involves 84 restaurants owned by the joint venture and 220 operated as franchises, will go towards cutting Forte's £1.3 billion of debt. But there is no sign of progress for another much-mooted disposal, of the group's Harvester restaurants chain.

Although at least one offer in the region of £110 million has been received, Forte is thought to be holding out for an extra £10 million, taking the view that there is no need to be rushed into a sale.

At least one potential buyer, Whitbread, the brewer, has publicly abandoned negotiations, saying the asking price is too high.



Rocco Forte has raised £40 million via the sale to PepsiCo

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4760 (−0.0035)
German mark .... 2.5173 (−0.0076)
Exchange index .... 81.0 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-SE 100 .... 3070.6 (-37.4)
Dow Jones .... 3656.84 (-37.17)*
Nikkei Avg .... 17384.84 (-556.35)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5⅝-5½%
US Federal Funds 3⅙%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.12-3.10%*
Long Bond 6.34%*

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£:SDR .. 1.0647	£:ECU 1.3137

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 378.15 .... PM 378.40
Close 378.70-379.20
New York:
Comex 379.25-379.75*

OIL

Brent Crude ...... $15.90 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
EMAP	355p (+10p)
Liberty	575p (+10p)
FALLS:	
GUS	564p (-11p)
Reed Int	732p (-13p)
Pearson	559p (-10p)
Euro Disney	402p (-13p)
Eurotunnel Uts	433p (-13p)
Broken Hill	759p (-17p)
Antofagasta	945p (-15p)
Sothebys	983p (-17p)
Rank Org	850p (-18p)
Jardine Math	597p (-20p)
Barclays	561p (-14p)
HSBC	725p (-13p)
Lloyds	564p (-16p)
Guinness	431p (-15p)
ADT	590p (-10p)
Holliday Chem	174p (-51p)
Granada	458p (-15p)

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ANTHONY HARRIS



Last battle of the market dinosaurs

For as long as any of my younger readers can remember, market sentiment has been dominated by two giant races, the equity bulls and the inflation fogeys. By now the climate has changed drastically: but the two monsters continue to fight for their shrinking territory, like dying saurians. Wise investors have for some time been preparing a retreat in neutral ground, and now look wise: events suggest that just before they themselves expire, the fogies may have killed off the bulls.

The slaughter started in New York, where growing confirmation of the strength of economic recovery has frightened fogies in the long bond market, and a sell-off has begun. There is an old saying that when you feel like buying bonds, you should buy equities; the same rule applies on the downside. Only last week yet another ordinary fast-food chain, Boston Chicken, was the darling of the bulls — surely their last throw. Now rising long bond yields are taking the wind out of the equity market, and prophets of an equity shake-out are winning a bigger following.

Both the fogies and the bulls are following false economic reasoning, yet the market has its own compelling logic. The US bond market was due for a shake-out not because inflation prospects are suddenly worse, and still less because the next move in dollar money-market rates is likelier to be up than down. US producer prices are at a standstill, and a little Fed tightening should reassure investors that inflation will be kept in check. However, before they take their seats for the next rise in bond values, investors face a small formality at the box office.

Largely unnoticed, the US bond market has become highly speculative during its rise. The steep yield curve deliberately contrived by the Fed, as a source of profit to refinance the banks, has also made geared-up speculation highly profitable: borrowing short to buy bonds has shown a good running income return on top of the expected capital profit. However, such speculative positions are always vulnerable, since they are bets not on the long-term trend in interest rates, but on short-term market movements. Any hiccup can wipe out the short-term profits: and then, as speculators scramble to close their positions, the fogies look right. It is not so much that inflation fears are driving prices down as that falling prices are making old inflation scars ache.

Some of the nervousness in London is simply a response to Wall Street: but there are local causes, too. The rise in equities after the low inflation figures last week was not quite in the Boston Chicken class, but almost as irrational. After all, the low price figure reflected abnormal discounting, which is simply a sacrifice of profit margins. When equity markets rise on news of falling profits, it is time for some careful thought.

The market is also becoming frightened of the Chancellor, especially if he reckons another attack on pension-fund tax privileges would be a politically cheap way to raise revenue. The great pension contribution holiday is already over; if employers have also to fill a hole dug by the Treasury, the impact on profits could be of the order of 5 per cent. There is also a lurking danger from ex-officio fogies at the Bank of England. They seem more optimistic about long-term inflation, but are obsessed with the psychological importance of the 4 per cent inflation ceiling, and will try to persuade the Chancellor to be niggardly with the interest-rate cuts already priced into the markets.

The economic dangers I have sketched here are essentially short-term: by next summer inflation fears should finally fade and the British recovery, like the American, will probably be stronger than most forecasters now expect. However, markets have for some months been losing touch even with short-term reality, let alone long-term: notice that individual company reports seem more often than not to deliver unpleasant surprises. Now Tokyo is providing a vivid reminder that share prices can go down as well as up, as the unit trust advertisements say. Wait for them to form a new base before you buy for the millennium.

RECENT ISSUES

Abacus (140)	162	...
Abtrust Emrg Econs	89	−1½
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	49	−1
Allders (170)	186	+1
BSM (170)	163	...
BZW Endwmnt Fd (100)	52	...
CLM Insce (100)	98	−½
Canadian Pizza (200)	197	−2
Cantab Pharmas (460)	442	+2
CentreGold (125)	147	...
Charles Sidney (110)	105	−1
Cleveland Trust (100)	111	...
Coal Invs	15	...
Crest Packaging	134	...
Delian Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	+1
Emerald Energy (1)	1½	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	104	−3
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	55	...
Gartmore (168)	169	−1
Gartmore Shared Eqy Tst	106	−1
Gartmore Shared 0 Pf	102½	...
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	99	...
Hiscox Select Ins (100)	106	−2
Independent Insce (225)	258	...
Litho Supplies (190)	192	...
London Fin & Inv Wts	11½	...
London Insur Mkt (100)	100	...
New London Capl (100)	96	...
Rothmans Intl Units	414	−5
Roxboro (230)	240	−3
Scotia (290)	284	−7
Smlr Co Inv Tst C (135)	141	...
Throgmorton Prfd (100)	102	...
Towry Law (190)	183	−2
Ugland Intl	103	−4
Vendome Luxury Uts	304	−3
Virtuality Grp (170)	255	...
Wiggins Group	3¾	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	3,200	Cadbury	3,000	MEPC	278	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	2,400	Caradon	819	Marks Spr	1,600	Sears	2,600
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Carlton Cms	675	NFC	154	Svrn Trent	743
Anglian W	2,700	Coats Vyla	1,600	NatWst Bk	2,500	Shell Trans	2,600
Argyll Gp	1,700	Cm Union	2,400	Nat Power	1,900	Siebe	965
Arjo Wiggn	103	Courtaulds	815	Nth Wst W	1,200	SmKl Bch	2,500
AB Foods	493	Enterpr Oil	305	Nthn Fds	475	Smith Nph	3,400
BAA	302	Forte	2,000	P & O	3,700	Sthern Elec	311
BAT Inds	1,600	GRE	1,900	Pearson	3,800	Sid Charid	740
BOC	1,500	GUS	271	PowerGen	731	Sun Allnce	2,300
BP	9,900	Gen Acc	516	Prudential	1,900	TI Gp	588
BT	4,900	Gen Elec	2,800	RMC	85	TSB	3,000
BTR	3,700	Glaxo	2,200	RTZ	1,300	Tesco	5,700
Bk of Scot	587	Granada	923	Rank Org	399	Thames W	1,700
Barclays	3,000	Grand Met	1,100	Reckitt Col	334	Thrn EMI	400
Bass	397	Guinness	1,900	Redland	1,200	Tomkins	3,100
Blue Circle	1,300	HSBC	703	Reed Intl	1,000	Unilever	435
Boots	596	Hanson	4,400	Rentokil	660	Utd Bisc	462
Bowater	707	ICI	1,900	Reuters	1,700	Vodafone	1,200
Brit Aero	843	Inchcape	1,000	Rolls Royce	2,700	Wrbrg (SG)	193
Brit Airwys	2,200	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Ins	3,000	Wellcome	369
Brit Gas	2,200	Ladbroke	3,300	Ryl Bk Scot	910	Whitbd 'A'	300
Brit Steel	4,700	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	3,600	Wlims Hld	596
Burmah Cstrl	589	Legal & Gn	342	Schroders	141	Wolseley	208
Cable Wire	1,800	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot & New	408	Zeneca	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3656.84 (−37.17)
S&P Composite .... 457.93 (−4.67)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17384.84 (−556.35)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9170.64 (−93.30)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 133.6 (−3.6)

Sydney: AO .... 2049.3 (−35.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2030.00 (−47.37)

FT 30 share: .... 2328.2 (−29.4)

Brussels:
General .... 7073.08 (−38.07)

Paris: CAC .... 590.70 (−8.67)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 620.20 (−8.00)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1517.41 (−15.71)
FT 500 .... 1626.32 (−14.94)
FT Gold Mines .... 247.8 (+2.5)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.05 (−0.13)
FT Govt Secs .... 103.45 (−0.24)
Bargains 27069
SEAQ Volume 455.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 149.48 (+0.07)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 8	November 19	February 10	February 21

Call options were taken out on 22/11/93: Aminex, Babcock Intl, Baillie Gifford Tech, Betterware, City of London, Hanson Wts, Minmet, Molyns Hldgs, Nat Home Loans, Navan Res, Prestwick Hldgs, Select TV, Signet. **Puts:** Royal Bank of Scot, Signet, Tiphook. **Puts & Calls:** Avesco, Hanson Wts, Monarch Res, Tadpole Tech.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 69223)	Dec 93	3104.0	3104.0	3060.0	3067.0	15639
	Mar 94	3098.5	3105.5	3085.0	3085.0	519
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 399794)	Dec 93	94.61	94.61	94.51	94.56	23182
	Mar 94	94.76	94.77	94.73	94.75	5779
	Jun 94	94.78	94.78	94.74	94.76	2300
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 13593)	Dec 93	96.45	96.45	96.44	96.47	267
	Mar 94	96.36	96.37	96.36	96.37	42
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 738872)	Dec 93	93.92	93.93	93.87	93.88	28336
	Mar 94	94.61	94.61	94.53	94.55	32591
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 130240)	Dec 93	115-19	115-21	115-02	115-04	70803
	Mar 94	114-30	114-30	114-13	114-15	11958
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	114.90	114.90	114.86	114.84	135
	Mar 94	114.15	114.16	114.02	114.02	901
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 193269)	Dec 93	100.10	100.19	99.75	99.79	130579
	Mar 94	100.20	100.28	99.86	99.90	6731
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 23931)	Dec 93	102.99	103.09	102.83	102.84	2471
	Mar 94				102.97	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 36581)	Dec 93	93.37	93.37	93.29	93.29	1735
	Mar 94	94.08	94.08	93.97	93.98	593
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 56287)	Dec 93	95.63	95.63	95.60	95.62	2513
	Mar 94	96.12	96.12	96.09	96.10	1891
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 110862)	Dec 93	114.10	114.36	112.45	112.64	79297
	Mar 94	114.34	114.34	112.59	112.79	7585

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.0 (day's range 80.9-81.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8205-2.8321	2.8240-2.8275	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.48-53.79	53.49-53.60	8-12ds	23-31ds
Copenhagen	9.9660-10.0260	9.9760-9.9990	1¾-3ds	5¾-5⅞pr
Dublin	1.0485-1.0512	1.0487-1.0510	4-8ds	18-25ds
Frankfurt	2.5145-2.5234	2.5169-2.5202	par-⅛ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	255.94-257.77	256.28-256.90	100-175ds	325-375ds
Madrid	202.81-203.58	203.10-203.32	66-45pr	178-197ds
Milan	2478.20-2495.10	2485.00-2489.00	6-7ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9474-1.9628	1.9599-1.9628	0.31-0.24pr	0.52-0.40pr
New York	1.4731-1.4767	1.4750-1.4760	0.33-0.32pr	0.75-0.73pr
Oslo	10.9230-10.9820	10.9360-10.9600	1⅛-⅛pr	2-⅝pr
Paris	8.7320-8.7690	8.7430-8.7580	1-1⅛ds	2¼-2⅝ds
Stockholm	12.2280-12.3380	12.2790-12.3180	1⅜-2⅜ds	4⅛-5⅜ds
Tokyo	159.29-160.36	159.53-159.80	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	17.68-17.77	17.68-17.72	⅛-1⅛ds	1½-3⅛ds
Zurich	2.2046-2.2139	2.2052-2.2083	⅜-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4727-1.4753
Australia dollar	2.2224-2.2257
Bahrain dinar	0.549-0.561
Brazil cruzeiro*	313.33-314.73
Cyprus pound	0.7525-0.7625
Finland marka	8.477-8.593
Greece drachma	357.25-364.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.3842-11.3935
India rupee	45.73-46.69
Kuwait dinar KD	0.435-0.445
Malaysia ringgit	3.7574-3.7615
Mexico peso	4.53-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6864-2.6932
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4545-5.5805
Singapore dollar	2.3550-2.3582
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3298-6.4081
S Africa rand (com)	4.9628-4.9785
U A E dirham	5.3456-5.4695

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5082-1.5094
Austria	12.01-12.02
Belgium (Com)	36.23-36.27
Canada	1.3296-1.3306
Denmark	6.7665-6.7755
France	5.9207-5.9257
Germany	1.7048-1.7058
Hong Kong	7.726-7.727
Ireland	1.4028-1.4048
Italy	1682.1-1683.6
Japan	108.34-108.44
Malaysia	2.550-2.551
Netherlands	1.9123-1.9133
Norway	7.4149-7.4249
Portugal	173.7-174.0
Singapore	1.5983-1.5993
Spain	137.56-137.61
Sweden	8.3347-8.3547
Switzerland	1.4933-1.4943

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7⅛ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅜ ; 3 mth 5⅛ Sell: 2 mth 5⅜ ; 3 mth: 5

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝
Overnight: open 6⅛, close 5⅛					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.38-3.35	3.44-3.41	3.68-3.65
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 29, 1993 Agreed rates Nov 24, 1993 to Dec 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.06 %. Reference rate Oct 1, 1993 to Oct 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.82%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅝-3⅜	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	5⅝-5⅜	7-6
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.00-377.40 Close: $378.70-379.20 High: $378.80-379.30
Low: $375.50-376.00 Krugerrand: $377.00-380.00 (£255.50-257.50)
Sovereigns: Old $86.50-89.50 (£58.50-60.50) New $86.50-89.50 (£58.50-60.50)
Platinum: $377.75 (£256.10) Silver: $4.72 (£3.195) Palladium: $128.00 (£86.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	31	44	50	15	22	33
(*570)	600	9	20	26	46	50	62
Argyll	260	15	27	31	11	16	22
(*267½)	280	8	17	22	23	27	33
ASDA	50	6	8	10	2	4	5
(*52½)	60	2	4	6	9	11	11
Boots	500	34	46	55	9	17	26
(*518½)	550	9	21	29	38	44	52
Br Airways	390	31	42	49	12	17	25
(*410)	420	14	26	34	27	31	40
BP	330	20	25	33	8	14	17
(*339)	360	7	13	20	25	29	33
Br Steel	110	12	16	19	4	7	10
(*117)	120	6	10	14	9	13	15
C & W	450	24	34	44	21	31	32
(*451)	475	14	22	32	35	42	47
CU	550	48	55	63	5	15	17
(*585½)	600	17	25	35	25	38	42
ICI	657	39	—	—	14	—	—
(*674½)	681	25	—	—	25	—	—
Kingfishr	650	41	56	66	14	24	34
(*669)	700	16	31	41	42	50	61
Land Sec	700	30	46	54	15	22	34
(*715½)	750	8	22	29	47	51	63
M & S	390	27	36	41	7	12	18
(*406)	420	11	19	25	22	26	32
Nat West	500	53	59	66	5	14	19
(*541½)	550	19	28	37	22	37	43
Sainsbury	360	32	45	51	6	13	19
(*386)	390	14	25	33	19	26	33
Shell	650	44	52	60	7	18	22
(*679½)	700	16	24	35	30	45	49
Smkl Bch	390	29	39	49	15	24	31
(*398)	420	15	26	37	32	41	47
Storehse	180	20	24	29	3	6	9
(*199)	200	7	12	17	12	15	18
Trafalgar	90	8	12	14	5	7	9
(*94)	100	3	8	9	11	13	15
Unilever	1050	99	77	93	17	33	42
(*1090)	1100	28	48	65	37	57	65
Zeneca	750	43	57	68	18	39	47
(*766)	800	18	32	45	47	69	76

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	360	37	42	49	10	14	17
(*389½)	390	17	24	32	25	29	32
Ladbroke	160	15	18	22	11	18	21
(*160)	180	7	11	13	24	32	34
Utd Bisc	330	22	27	31	15	24	28
(*330)	360	9	13	19	35	45	49

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	900	30	46	68	1	18	29
(*926)	950	1	22	43	27	46	55
Thames W	500	19	32	46	1	9	15
(*518½)	550	1	9	19	34	37	41

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	475	23	39	—	1	14	—
(*494)	500	4	25	31	9	25	37
BTR	330	23	37	37	1	7	12
(*351½)	360	1	14	19	11	19	26
Br Aero	420	7	38	48	5	32	40
(*423½)	460	1	22	31	40	56	64
Br Telem	460	5	17	27	2	18	22
(*462½)	500	1	5	11	39	47	49
Cadbury	414	39	45	52	1	5	12
(*450½)	453	3	21	26	6	18	28
Guinness	420	14	31	38	1	15	24
(*431½)	460	1	12	19	32	38	48
GEC	330	5	16	24	2	13	16
(*333)	360	1	6	11	29	33	35
Hanson	260	18	22	29	1	5	8
(*277)	280	1	10	14	4	14	18
LASMO	130	3	15	18	1	6	14
(*132)	140	1	10	13	9	15	19
Lucas	160	13	21	24	1	7	10
(*171)	180	1	9	14	11	18	21
Pilkingtn	140	12	16	21	1	7	9
(*150½)	160	1	7	11	11	18	21
Prudential	330	3	18	22	3	13	21
(*330)	360	1	6	10	32	33	41
Redland	500	37	54	61	1	11	23
(*535)	550	1	24	33	17	32	49
Royal Ins	269	15	26	—	1	8	—
(*282½)	286	1	14	—	6	17	—
Tesco	180	17	22	29	1	5	9
(*196)	200	1	12	18	6	14	20
Vodafone	500	25	50	69	1	22	31
(*523)	550	3	26	42	29	50	59
Williams	300	23	32	36	1	6	12
(*320½)	330	1	14	19	11	19	27

FT-SE INDEX (*3070)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Dec	145	102	67	42	24	11
Jan	165	129	96	71	49	34
Feb	185	149	119	91	66	50
Mar	199	166	135	107	83	62
Jun	—	201	—	141	—	95
Puts						
Dec	23	35	53	78	112	154
Jan	45	58	79	102	131	168
Feb	56	72	90	114	142	176
Mar	69	86	104	126	153	184
Jun	—	113	—	155	—	209

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	20	31	34	5	15	19
(*402½)	420	5	15	19	22	32	36
Amstrad	40	4	7	9	2	4	5
(*42)	45	2	5	7	5	7	8
Barclays	550	24	41	48	10	24	31
(*561)	600	4	18	26	43	54	59
Blue Circ	300	16	27	32	7	14	25
(*306½)	330	4	14	19	27	32	41
Br Gas	300	23	31	35	2	6	11
(*319)	330	4	13	18	14	19	26
Dixons	260	16	25	32	8	17	21
(*266)	280	6	16	22	19	28	32
Forte	220	19	27	30	3	9	14
(*234)	240	6	17	19	12	19	24
Hillsdwn	140	15	21	24	2	6	11
(*151½)	160	3	10	13	12	16	23
Lonrho	130	14	20	24	1	5	10
(*140½)	140	8	14	19	6	13	15
Sears	110	11	14	16	1	5	6
(*118)	120	4	9	11	5	9	11
Thrn Emi	900	61	75	94	7	23	30
(*947½)	950	24	46	65	23	45	53
Tomkins	220	11	19	24	5	11	14
(*225½)	240	3	10	14	17	22	26
TSB	200	18	22	26	2	7	9
(*214)	220	5	11	15	10	17	20
Wellcome	600	46	71	83	11	26	36
(*630)	650	19	44	57	35	52	61

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Dec	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo	600	55	75	93	6	31	41
(*639)	650	22	49	68	26	56	66
HSBC	700	41	67	77	12	38	47
(*725)	750	14	41	52	37	69	74
Reuter	1550	70	121	151	24	69	97
(*1556½)	1600	41	94	124	46	97	111

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Dec	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	156	13	19	—	2	5	—
(*163)	176	3	9	—	16	19	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	140	11	19	23	5	11	17
(*143½)	160	3	11	14	19	23	30

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastrn Elc	550	49	57	66	1	7	12
(*597)	600	4	23	36	6	26	32

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	390	20	32	39	4	12	18
(*404½)	420	6	16	22	20	27	33
Scot Pwr	390	23	31	35	3	10	12
(*409)	420	6	15	22	17	25	26

November 22, 1993 Tot: 51857 Call: 20926 Put: 30931 FT-SE Call: 7219 Put: 16742
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The ailing Ivorian President was flown home from Geneva following a lengthy illness, but the fact that he flew directly to his basilica rather than Abidjan prompted talk that he may already be dead. Fears of a disruption to the cocoa harvest if a power-struggle develops helped fuel a continuation of Friday's rally. Late trade saw profit-taking and light origin selling, knocking prices back by the close.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	993-992	Mar	1010-1008
Mar	1036-1037	May	1014-1012
May	1033-1032	Jul	1018-1014
Jul	1033-1031	Sep	1020-1018
Sep	1030-1029		
Dec	1009-1008		Volume: 11295

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1279-1278	Jul	1215-1214
Jan	1279-1277	Sep	1215-1211
Mar	1243-1242	Nov	1221-1200
May	1217-1216		Volume: 2135

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.78-10.99
Spot: 267.10		Jan	unq
Mar	10.50-10.56	Mar	unq
May	10.78-10.86	May	unq
Jul	11.00-11.15		Volume: 62

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	272.3-70.5
Spot: 287.0		Dec	271.7-70.5
Mar	279.6-77.5	Mar	274.7-73.5
May	280.0-78.6	May	278.2-75.5
Aug	284.0-82.6		Volume: 393

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	70.97	86.70	119.61
(+/-)	-1.36	+1.05	-0.72
Eng/Wales	71.11	86.51	119.38
(+/-)	-1.27	+1.13	-0.94
(%)	-54.4	-13.6	-45.5
Scotland	61.41	85.28	123.86
(+/-)	-9.42	-0.21	+2.46
(%)	-79.5	-67.4	-66.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq		Mar	unq	
Sep	unq				Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	98.75
Jan	100.25
Mar	101.95
May	103.90
Jun	105.00
	Volume: 123

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	102.65
Jan	103.90
Mar	106.00
May	107.50
Sep	92.00
	Volume: 73

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	102.5
Apr	93.0	90.8
May	105.0	106.5
		Volume: 70

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Dec 60.75-61.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Prices crept higher thanks to cold weather throughout NWE.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.45	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.60	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.90	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.10	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.40	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	170 (-1)	172 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	168 (+2)	169 (+2)
Non EEC IH Dec	172 (+2)	173 (+1)
Non EEC IH Jan	173 (+2)	174 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (+1)
Naphtha	152 (+2)	154 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Dec	167.25-67.50	Mar	162.25-62.50
Jan	165.50-65.75	Apr	160.50-60.75
Feb	164.50-64.75	May	160.25 BID
			Vol: 16468

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	15.86-15.87	Apr	16.44 BID
Feb	16.09-16.12	May	16.60-16.66
Mar	16.27-16.31		Vol: 21211

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	161.25-63.00	Mar	165.00-74.50
Jan	163.00-65.50	Apr	175.00-80.00
Feb	163.00-70.50		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 93	1265	1265	1267
Dec 93	1265	1255	1252
Jan 94	1268	1264	1264
Apr 94	1285	1284	1283

Vol: 93 lots. Open int'st: 2698 Index 1284 -5

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(Official) (Volume prev day)

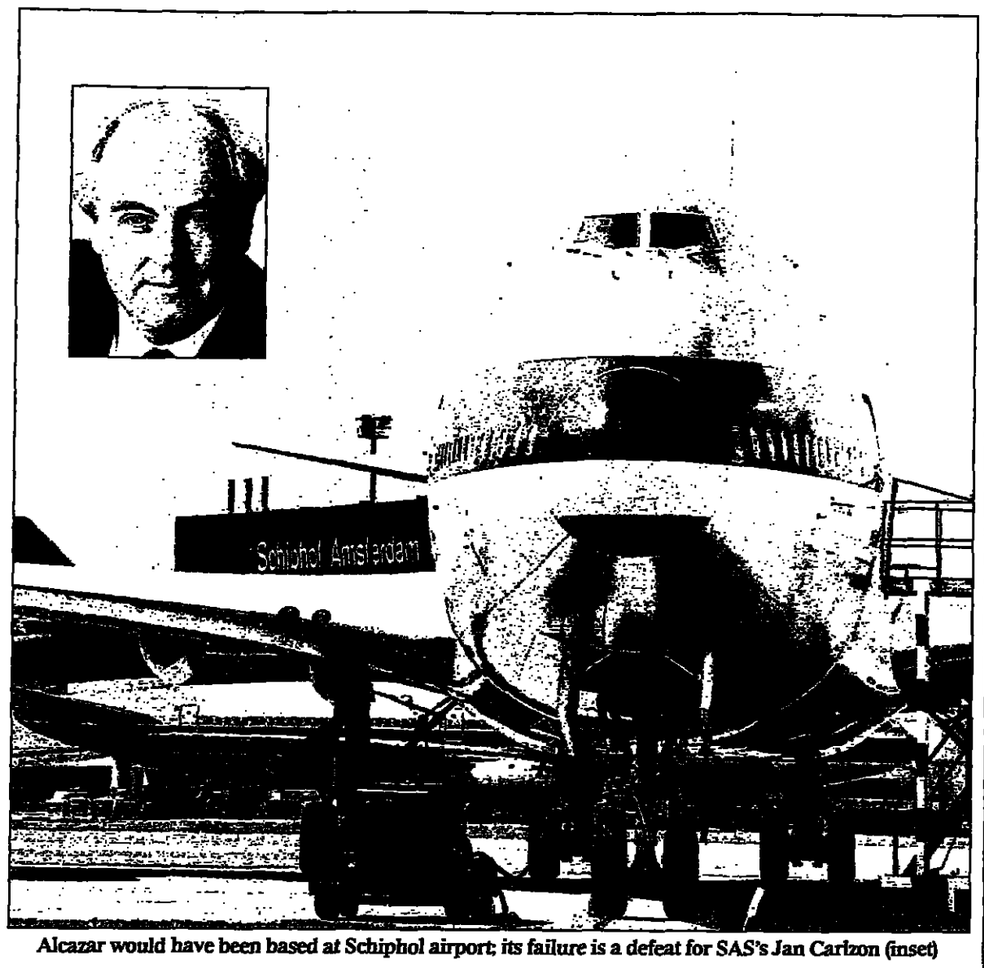
	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1650.5-1651.0	1672.0-1672.5	1485025
Lead ($/tonne)	399.50-400.00	413.50-414.00	72150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	925.00-926.00	944.00-944.50	179550
Tin ($/tonne)	4625.0-4626.0	4675.0-4680.0	10535
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1053.0-1053.5	1074.0-1074.5	746175
Nickel ($/tonne)	4707.0-4712.0	4770.0-4771.0	43014

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Europe's flying fortress fails to leave the runway

Despite the failure of the planned Alcazar airline alliance, the choice for loss-making European carriers is: merge or die, says Colin Narbrough



Alcazar would have been based at Schiphol airport; its failure is a defeat for SAS's Jan Carlzon (inset)

Project Alcazar, a bold attempt by four of Europe's medium-sized airlines to forge one of the world's biggest, has failed, but full deregulation of the European Community's skies from 1997 makes such alliances inevitable.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), Swissair and Austrian Airlines aborted the joint airline plan on Sunday, when it became apparent that the airlines were unable to agree over which American carrier was to be Alcazar's partner in the crucial North Atlantic trade.

Despite agreement on all other important issues, the choice between Northwest, in the parent company of which KLM has a 20 per cent stake, and Delta, in which Swissair has a 5 per cent cross-holding, proved an insurmountable obstacle to crowning eight months of complex talks with success.

The aim had been to create a European fortress airline (Alcazar is Spanish for a four-cornered fort) to rival British Airways and Lufthansa, as well as the big American carriers. Increased efficiency and economies were estimated at 1.3 billion ecu (£990 million), with the benefit of an American partnership put at only 50 million ecu.

Given the relatively small contributions from the North Atlantic partnerships, it seems odd that Alcazar came apart over the choice between Delta and Northwest. But Europe's geography, with short distances between major cities and high-speed rail a serious competitor to the airlines, means that carriers are forced to look outside the EC for output growth.

According to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), 69 per cent of EC national airlines' aggregate output, measured in revenue per passenger kilometre, is generated on international routes outside Europe. And the North Atlantic is by far the most profitable market, accounting for an estimated 45 per cent of the global aviation market. Some analysts have been quick to conclude that Alcazar's collapse proved that transatlantic partnerships are ultimately more important than European alliances.

But the logic of European alliances goes wider than developing global reach. As governments become increasingly reluctant to prop up national carriers, or simply incapable of doing so, Europe's overwhelmingly loss-making airlines will face either merger or bankruptcy. The putative Alcazar partners are all making losses, despite heroic efforts to reduce costs.

Two clear trends have emerged in the European airline industry. There has been a gradual move towards closer cross-border links between airlines, through either equity stakes or a range of co-operation deals. The second trend, a reflection of the industry's dismal financial state, is for a constant and accelerating drive for lower operating costs. An important element of the cost-cutting process has been the setting up by national carriers of low-cost subsidiaries.

While Swissair and Austrian Airlines are from outside the EC, KLM and SAS, an EC airline by virtue of being partly owned by Denmark, would have legitimised Alcazar's EC status, enabling it to take advantage of the single market in air transport. Brussels was not expected to have objected to the alliance on competition grounds.

BA, which has run into difficulties with Washington over its efforts to increase its access to the American domestic market's feeder routes through its stake in USAir, has long argued that European airlines must form "mega-carriers", if they want to compete on equal terms with American carriers. The CAA disputes this, claiming that EC airlines would be better served on the North Atlantic route by developing partnerships with, or gaining control of, US airlines.

For Jan Carlzon, the former SAS chief executive and the driving force behind Alcazar, the collapse of the project is a personal defeat. For years, he preached that for SAS and other medium-sized airlines in Europe, it was a question of merge or die. Few have faulted his forecast that there will beonly a handful of significant European airlines by the end of the decade. Mr Carlzon put his own future on the line by stepping down in September to concentrate on Alcazar. Failure has brought an ignominious end to his career at SAS.

The alliance he pursued was a developed form of the SAS model, which linked the national airlines of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The Swedish parent company has 42.9 per cent of SAS; the Danish and Norwegian companies each have 28.6 per cent. Each of the three parents is 50 per cent owned by its government.

Emboldened by its Scandinavian experience, Mr Carlzon took SAS into the European quality alliance (EQA) with Swissair, Austrian Airlines and Finnair in the late 1980s. The Finns soon quit. Last year, KLM, having unsuccessfully courted BA and Sabena, the Belgian carrier, last year approached the EQA members on possible co-operation. Last January, it confirmed that talks were taking place on strategic co-operation.

In February, the four airlines formed 16 joint working groups to examine the possibility of a "customer-oriented global airline system with a strong and sustainable competitive position built on several hubs in Europe". The details emerged thick and fast. KLM, Swissair and SAS were each to hold 30 per cent of a joint management company, with the Austrians taking 10 per cent.

The first sign of trouble came when the memorandum of understanding, supposed to have been signed in June, was delayed. Lufthansa, the state-controlled German carrier threatened with effective encirclement by Alcazar, caused a stir in August with the announcement that it had proposed a co-operation pact with Austrian Airlines. Air France revealed that it was talking to Swissair. Yet, it still appeared this autumn that Alcazar could become airborne next spring, possibly without the Austrians. As recently as a fortnight ago, some of the key figures in the negotiations were talking of imminent breakthrough, as agreement had been reached on the site of the joint headquarters, valuation of airlines and management structure.

Amsterdam's Schiphol airport was to be the main hub and headquarters and the Swiss were to get the presidency. The sole sticking point was the choice of American partner.

Swissair insisted that Delta was financially the sounder of the two American options and that the US administration would not extend the "open skies" deal with the Dutch to the rest of Alcazar. Northwest narrowly escaped bankruptcy earlier this year. But KLM, which has invested $450 million in Northwest, was not to be convinced. The decisive moment was probably last Friday, when KLM's board held talks with the Dutch cabinet. KLM, 38.2 per cent state-owned, is understood to have received government assurances of large capital injection, if Alcazar failed. Such an offer could be construed as an invitation to kill the project. Analysts believe KLM needs a rights issue of up to a billion guilders (£350 million) to reinforce its balance sheet, now the alliance has indeed failed.

The stock market's response to Alcazar's demise was muted, with shares in airlines likely to benefit, such as BA and Lufthansa, showing no sign of a surge in demand. The market doubtless suspected that something was going wrong. It is also likely to have concluded that the Alcazar partners will not suddenly become easy pickings for the big European carriers. BA, for one, has no need of KLM any longer. After a pause for thought, the search for alliances will be resumed.

SAS is "scanning the horizons" for partners, a search likely to lead it back to the Alcazar airlines. Meantime, all airlines continue cost-cutting.

Swissair, probably the healthiest of the Alcazar team, is under less pressure to seek new partners and Austrian Airlines is likely to succumb to Lufthansa's embrace. KLM would appear to hold the key to salvaging something from the wreck of Alcazar. Speculation is rife that the Dutch are preparing a deal with SAS alone. In that event, choosing an American partner would no longer be a problem.

TEMPUS

Babcock in dry dock

BABCOCK is the latest in a roll-call of British engineering companies to discover that the cutting edge of innovation is not necessarily a path to riches. Technologically, the flue gas desulphurisation project at the Drax power station is a masterpiece and running well above specification. Financially, it is a disaster. The £15 million provision only brings the £400 million project back to break-even, and the group will be saddled with the work for another two years.

The hope must be that John Parker, the new chief executive, can install the financial discipline Babcock needs to convert a healthy contracting book in its other divisions into acceptable profits. Babcock is still winning important contracts, such as the $100 million oil refinery work in Saudi Arabia and Malaysia it announced yesterday. But it must complete these without the sort of provisions that destroy profits.

Otherwise, its fortunes rest on the future of Rosyth. If the government feels duty bound to guarantee a minimum level of work for the Scottish dockyard until the next century, Babcock is likely to be the only bidder in a lucrative privatisation. Otherwise, the future of the group's most profitable division is at best doubtful since its management contract only runs until 1995.

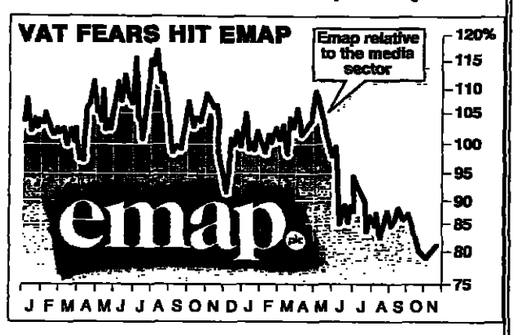
The 26¼p price of the shares reflects all the doubts about the group's future and they even yield 2.4 per cent on a nominal ½p year-end dividend, although this is hardly secure. But given a helping hand from Whitehall, the group's profit potential is beguiling. That makes the shares an interesting, if high-risk, speculation.

Emap

ABOUT the only thing that could begin to knock Robin Miller at Emap off his prized BMW 1000 motorcycle would be a swingeing increase in the VAT base to cover newspapers and magazines in next week's Budget. The group reckons to be fairly immune to any damage from higher cover prices, having managed to push underlying volumes ahead by 3 per cent despite price increases of 8 per cent in the first half, and there is no doubt that Emap's highly specialist hobby titles have thrived throughout the recession. But some of the biggest consumer titles and the paid-for local newspapers will undoubtedly suffer if the Chancellor cuts up rough.

That, however, is the only cloud on Emap's horizon. The interim figures were marked by an upbeat statement from the board and a sharp rise in an already highly-valued share price. While some brokers shaved a couple of million off full year forecasts, these reflected higher-than-expected launch costs of £9 million this year.

Emap has repeatedly shown an ability to identify specialist audiences and target them precisely. Such launches are seed-corn for the future, and the rights issue last year leaves the company barely stretched to achieve further growth. The shares sell on 19 times this year's earnings, fair for a quality business at the bottom of the cycle, but short-term advances could be limited by the Budget.



Tokyo gloom

THE bears have been out in force in Tokyo since recent downbeat interim results from Japan's largest corporations gave them all the ammunition they need to suggest the economy is sliding back into recession. Yesterday's 3.2 per cent plunge in the Nikkei index to 17,384 brings its total fall to almost 18 per cent from its September peak of 21,148.

The economy seems to be stubbornly resisting all the Finance Ministry's best efforts to kick-start it. The government has pumped Y30,000 billion (£187 billion) into the economy in the past 15 months in three economic packages, but these have done little to stimulate domestic demand. Corporate profits are still forecast to fall by a fifth in the current year to March. This, on top of the 25 per cent fall in the last financial year, means they have fallen 55 per cent from their peak.

Morihiro Hosokawa's coalition government has recently allowed economic affairs to drift while it concentrated on electoral reform, but now the talk has begun of yet another round of tax cuts. This one would reduce income tax by Y6,000 billion or 1.3 per cent of GNP, but even then it may only replace lost bonus and overtime pay and may not stimulate overall demand.

The package may be coupled with yet another cut in the official discount rate to an astonishingly low 1.25 per cent early next year. This might provide Japanese bond and equity markets with the prop they need. But the real pick-up in corporate profits may only come when the yen weakens, and that probably requires a turn in US interest rates.

Holliday flop

IT was only a matter of time before one of this year's many new issues fell on its face. Holliday Chemical has won the dubious honour of being the first to disappoint the market, by warning shareholders that the profit growth expected when it floated last April has evaporated.

Admittedly Holliday's troubles look minor at this stage. The downturn in pharmaceutical prices in Spain, coupled with the cancellation of a large hair dye order, will rob the company of growth this year although it should still report profits similar to the pro-forma £12.4 million for last year.

But Holliday's shares were sold at an aggressive price of 195p, or almost 18 times historic earnings, and investors bought on the back of ambitious brokers' forecasts of possible £15 million profits this year. This left the company with no room for mistakes, which is why the shares crashed 23 per cent yesterday. A similar fate awaits any other recent issues which fail to deliver.

Holliday's crash also serves to remind investors of just how volatile and illiquid small company shares become when the going gets tough. Investors can take some comfort that Michael Peagram, Holliday's chairman, kept most of his shares after the float and his main family trust has agreed not to sell any until the company's results are published next year. If he were to start selling at this point, the shares would really nosedive.

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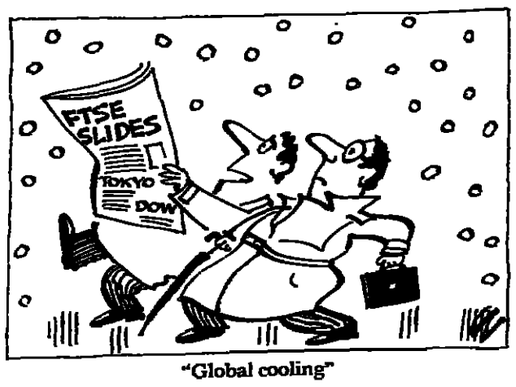
Flying fun with Howard Hughes

HOWARD Hughes, globe-trotting world managing partner of Price Waterhouse — and as elusive as his legendary namesake — has clocked up more miles on aircraft than he cares to recall. Hughes, currently on an Asia-Pacific tour, usually travels first class — but not, it seems, in the former Soviet Union, where PW is competing for new contracts. On many flights, passengers without a seat are obliged to stand in the aisles, and, VIP or not, Hughes has suffered the treatment. "Howard was allowed to sit on a crate in the galley," Jermyn Brooks, chairman of PW Europe, recalled when unveiling the firm's fee income at a lunch in London yesterday. "But he had to stand for landing and take-off." The story takes its place alongside one from from the mid-1980s, when Hughes, on a domestic American flight to Arizona, was asked by a stewardess whether he really was Mr H. Hughes, as his ticket stated. Overhearing the exchange, a passenger leaned over and demanded: "Is your name Howard Hughes?" When Hughes confirmed that it was, the American replied: "Gee, I know exactly how you feel. My name's Abraham Lincoln."

Lost lust

RAIL commuters to the City from Kent are about to lose a very "Eighties" landmark — the track-side billboard in south London that proclaims: "Greenlight's famous Cosworth workshop — satisfying your lust for power". Patricia Sauer, who owns Greenlight with her husband, Gerard, says that the sign has served its purpose. "It did work four years ago when it went up — we got lots of boy racers through the doors — but I think that era is over now," she says. "The sign has become fairly sexist." The replacement is unlikely to stir commuters from somnolence. "It will," says Sauer, "probably say something like 'bring your car here for repairs and we will do a good job for a decent price'."

Changes in South Africa are wryly reflected in townships near Durban where residents have their own slang for coins. When the two-rand piece was introduced, it was dubbed the "de Klerk", because it coincided with the state president's sweeping reforms. A new one-cent coin with two birds facing each other became known as the "Mandela and de Klerk" — as opposed to the old one-cent piece, known as a "Slovo and Botha" because the birds faced away from each other.



"Global cooling"

Gnome match

CITY journalists and PR men will be out in force tomorrow for the annual "Hacks vs The Spin Doctors" darts match in honour of Tony Falshaw, the *Daily Mail* stock market reporter who died of a heart attack five years ago. The winner will receive the coveted Tony Falshaw Gnome Tropy — a bottle of Holsten Pils, clad in red braces. Falshaw, in case you were wondering, was nicknamed "The Gnome", wore red braces and drank Holsten. The evening will see the presentation of the £1,000 Inchcape Falshaw award to the stock market writer of the year. Festivities commence at 7pm at Duffers Club, Queen Victoria Street, in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Fisons affair

The "drugs-for-bribes" affair rumbles on... Two weeks after *The Sunday Times* alleged malpractice by the UK sales force of Fisons Pharmaceuticals, four doctors have said that they were offered financial inducements. In consequence, a Fisons employee has been dismissed and another, Rick Tiller, who was suspended as West Midlands sales manager, is back after an internal enquiry cleared him of any wrongdoing. It had been claimed that doctors were offered inducements for prescribing Fisons products in association with use of a treatment record card. Further allegations of excessive hospitality being given to doctors by Fisons staff are being studied.

Melrose returns

Andrew Melrose, last seen at Nomura a year ago, has surfaced as building materials analyst at Paribas Capital Markets. Melrose, 39, fell victim to a cull by the Japanese in October 1992, and has since worked as a consultant. He spent 11 years with Grieveson Grant and Kleinwort Benson, before joining SG Warburg ... on Black Monday. He joined Nomura in July 1991. Graham Rider, former finance director of Storehouse, has become managing director of financial institution services for Thomas Cook, and William Proby, former Morgan Grenfell corporate financier, has been elected president of the Historic Houses Association.

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Assets & Earnings	240.20	256.80†	- 0.70	2.12
Comdty & Energy	110.40	118.00	- 0.40	.47
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Euro Capital Inc	118.80	127.00	- 0.20	.76
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Aberdeen Portfolio	59.14	60.38	- 0.59	0.83
Amer Inc & Growth	46.14	47.98†	- 0.17	1.01
Cash	50.47	50.47	+ 0.01	5.12
European	96.32	102.10	- 1.10	...
European Income	92.46	98.05†	- 1.04	1.53
Exempt	960.00	1000.8†	- 4.20	3.80
Extra Income	50.19	54.49	- 0.11	6.82
Far East Emg Eco	110.90	119.70	- 0.20	0.54
Fixed Interest	24.26	25.90	- 0.04	7.13
Fund Inv Tst	160.60	171.50†	- 1.20	0.99
Japan	192.30	204.80	- 1.10	3.59
Latin American	63.88	67.92	- 1.02	0.74
Pacific	72.21	77.33	- 0.47	0.35
Property Share	68.82	73.46	- 0.34	1.79
UK Emerging Cos	61.59	65.74	- 0.09	1.89
UK Growth	42.58	45.81†	- 0.40	2.57
World Growth	71.46	76.28†	- 0.68	0.72
Ethical	62.73	66.54	...	2.67
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	54.95	54.95	- 0.02	7.43

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 699 336

UK Equity Income	90.39	96.16	- 0.29	3.48
UK Equity Growth	80.17	85.28	- 0.24	2.77
European	62.34	66.31†	- 0.65	1.48
Nth American	67.73	72.05†	- 0.07	1.01
Far Eastern	65.03	69.18	- 1.21	0.29
Money	64.84	64.84	+ 0.03	8.65
Fixed Interest	72.91	77.56	+ 0.01	7.30
Index Linked Gilt	68.56	72.94	+ 0.01	1.38

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 5252

British Growth	65.57	69.70†	...	2.75
British Income	76.02	80.87†	...	3.50
Select Portfolio	83.04	88.34†	...	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0277 365 958

Amby Income	74.21	78.74	- 0.19	2.07
Income Builder Inc	66.19	70.41	- 0.46	2.86

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	252.70	268.70†	- 2.40	3.03
Capital	394.20	421.30†	- 3.40	1.89
Balanced	669.70	715.00	- 5.50	2.39
Accumulator	1192.0	1274.0†	-13.00	2.96
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.31	53.78	- 0.21	3.03
High Income	409.20	437.40	- 3.90	3.61
Equity Income	231.00	246.90	- 2.10	3.55
High Yield	252.10	269.40†	- 2.20	3.49
Govt Securities	34.14	36.03†	- 0.21	4.97
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.60	144.90	- 1.40	0.30
European Growth	31.33	33.28	- 0.49	0.72
International	151.40	161.70	- 2.80	0.43
Japan	192.40	205.50	- 6.30	0.01
Pacific	128.60	137.40	- 2.50	0.24
Secs of America	454.30	451.40†	- 4.60	0.54
Wwide Asset Val	44.24	47.29	- 0.97	0.57
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	506.70	543.70†	- 7.50	2.28
Conv & Gilt	46.58	49.79	- 0.08	5.80
Smaller Cos	164.00	175.30	- 0.30	1.27
2nd Smaller Cos	155.40	166.10	- 0.40	1.28
Recovery	134.10	143.30†	- 0.90	2.03
Met Min & City	142.30	152.10†	- 0.40	0.88
Overs Earnings	131.10	357.90†	- 1.40	1.20
Technology	154.70	165.30†	- 2.10	0.05
UK Special Sits	426.00	455.30	- 4.40	2.03

ARKWRIGHT MANAGEMENT
1 King St, Manchester M60 2AH 0800 526 398

Growth	131.20	139.60†	- 0.30	2.00
Income	73.02	77.69	- 0.09	4.40
European	54.57	58.06†	- 0.77	0.85
Recovery	126.60	134.70	- 0.40	2.04

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 91

Central Out Perf	97.51	101.30†	...	1.45
Foundtn Pens Pens	62.54	64.94†	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767

Capital	70.06	74.53	- 0.78	2.05
International	61.21	65.11	...	0.52

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

America	301.10	324.60†	- 3.90	...
Bond	123.90	130.30†	+ 0.10	6.05
Brit Smlr Cos	92.07	97.95	- 0.66	1.03
Conv & Gen	59.91	65.94†	- 0.10	5.49
Energy	481.98	481.98	- 2.05	1.20
Europe	206.60	219.80†	- 2.50	0.70
Euro Smlr Cos	93.42	98.96	- 0.27	0.99
Income Gwth	306.70	399.30†	- 0.09	4.27
Japan	317.10	337.20	- 8.00	...
Pacific	141.40	151.70	...	0.68
UK Smlr Cos	47.14	50.15	- 0.01	1.08
Japan Fd	728.20	749.60	-17.70	...
Mngd Fd	167.40	173.10	- 1.00	2.73

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

Brit & Overs	282.90	297.80	...	1.18
Capital Gwth	111.20	117.00	...	2.32
Wwide Opps	184.00	193.70	...	0.49

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BU 081 534 5544
Balanced Trusts

Bst Inv Fd Inc	334.80	348.80†	+ 0.90	2.84
European Bd Inc	100.50	104.10	+ 0.30	7.18
Exempt	74.35	79.37†	+ 0.19	4.09
Financial	71.04	75.98†	+ 0.30	2.52
500.00	429.40	460.50	- 0.50	2.59
General	262.80	281.10	- 1.30	2.63
Property	345.80	363.60	...	6.04
Trustee	178.10	190.30	- 1.00	2.44
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†	...	4.84
Extra Income	114.90	122.80†	- 0.20	4.27
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.67	63.74†	+ 0.02	7.91
Income	524.90	561.40	- 0.90	4.11
Income Builder	64.71	68.85	- 0.11	4.82
Intl Income	66.90	71.17	- 0.11	2.91
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	113.70	121.60	- 0.90	2.70
Leisure	107.30	115.00	- 0.30	1.68
Recovery	391.80	419.00	- 1.40	2.73
Smlr Cos Inc	34.94	37.75	- 0.09	2.57
Special Sits	299.10	277.10	- 1.30	2.07
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	131.20	139.20†	- 0.20	0.23
Aust Acc	230.70	245.50	- 3.00	1.47
Aust Inc	145.50	154.80	- 1.90	1.47
Euro Gwth Inc	131.30	139.30	- 0.60	0.46
Japan & Gen Inc	176.10	186.40	- 4.80	...
Japan Spec Sits	78.49	81.02	- 1.67	...
Unlv Trsts Inc	72.25	76.78	- 0.66	0.50
Worldwide	165.50	175.70	- 1.30	0.40

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4SQ
081 658 9002

American Growth	98.92	104.90	- 0.20	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	129.10	138.00	- 0.60	...
Cash Trust	50.19	50.19†	+ 0.01	5.60
Convertibles	57.28	61.24	- 0.13	6.20
Eastern	261.10	281.30	- 2.30	1.60
Equity Income	89.91	95.54†	- 0.10	5.60
European Growth	269.20	281.70	- 4.50	1.50
Europe	182.80	194.60	- 1.80	1.55
German Growth	72.72	77.43	- 1.04	0.70
Global Bond	70.08	73.97	- 0.22	5.30
Global Growth	121.60	129.50	- 1.90	...
Japan Growth	195.80	210.40	- 4.10	...
Japan Smaller	169.60	181.60	- 4.10	...
Korea Trust	62.34	66.75	+ 0.22	...
Portfolio	128.90	137.80	- 1.10	3.20
UK Growth	89.64	95.36	- 0.05	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	89.97	96.22†	- 0.09	1.90
Select Managers	71.81	76.84	- 0.47	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
2b-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9RL
071 250 1300

Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.92	79.70	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	50.97	54.22	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gilmpur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6461

Special Sits	176.70	186.80	+ 0.40	0.50
Dividend	79.72	84.22	+ 0.22	4.48
Inc Gth & Inc	221.50	236.90	- 1.80	2.77
UK & Gen	43.95	47.01	- 0.20	1.38
Fund of Funds	63.95	68.40	- 0.09	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

Balanced Growth	101.02	108.04†	- 1.00	1.55
Smaller Cos	92.21	98.65†	- 0.49	1.03
Higher Yield	43.72	45.69†	- 0.27	3.01
American Gth Inc	66.94	71.59	- 0.23	...
European Growth	117.16	125.30	- 1.75	0.17
Global Bond Inc	30.90	32.78†	- 0.08	4.86
Mngd Pfolio Inc	40.18	42.98	- 0.32	1.09

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 488 7226

Short Dated Gilt	60.52	70.26	...	4.96

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 186, Manchester M60 0AR
061 837 5050

Envirnt	142.40	151.50	- 0.40	1.50
UK Growth	156.30	166.80	- 1.00	2.00
UK Income	131.50	139.90†	- 0.40	4.01

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 655 122

Can Gen Dist	180.90	191.70	- 2.10	1.88
-do- Income Dist	100.20	115.80†	- 0.50	4.61
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.11	46.75	...	5.95

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fenchurch Street, Manchester M3 2AP
061 236 9685 Exec 061 236 9685 Dlg: 061 236 5262

American & Gen	143.80	152.80	- 1.00	0.01
European Inc	72.53	76.71	- 1.34	0.72
Far East & Gen	65.27	69.44	- 2.28	...
Smaller Cos (4-1)	74.20	78.94	- 0.06	1.80
Growth	404.40	432.60	- 3.30	2.34
Income & Growth	404.10	428.90	- 2.20	3.55
Master Portfolio	107.98	107.98†	+42.00	2.01
Special Sits	93.20	99.25	- 0.45	2.18
High Yield	1288.0	1328.0†	- 7.00	4.09

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 333 561

American Gwth Tst	37.51	40.11†	- 0.28	0.02
Cash Income	50.03	50.03†	+ 0.01	5.40
European Gwth	36.69	39.13	- 0.42	0.89
Income & Gwth Inc	27.05	28.93	- 0.17	4.28
Japan Growth	30.93	33.07	- 0.49	0.78
Intnl Gwth	34.64	37.05	- 0.39	1.39
Japan Growth	26.84	28.49	- 0.76	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.80	51.12	- 0.36	0.51
Oriental Opps Inc	146.70	156.80	- 3.40	0.63
Property Shares	40.80	43.31	- 0.50	1.88
Smaller Cos	39.00	31.20†	- 0.03	1.71
UK Growth Tst	24.32	26.01	- 0.33	2.00
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.32	75.20	- 0.81	1.71
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.64	69.13†	- 0.83	2.47
Exempt	23.59	24.36	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	24.50	26.36	- 0.01	0.41
European Acc	25.42	27.34	- 0.01	...
Financial	142.60	152.50	- 0.50	2.66
Foundation	84.39	90.15	+ 0.06	2.60
German	50.93	54.34	- 0.06	0.07
High Income	76.43	81.74	- 0.42	6.25
Income	132.10	141.30†	- 0.10	3.89
Ind Growth	37.35	39.94†	- 0.31	0.16
Managed Pfolio Inc	98.20	105.00	- 0.90	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	186.80	199.70	- 1.90	...
Monthly Income	76.47	81.44	- 0.10	3.98
North American	111.30	119.20	- 0.90	0.15
Orient	141.70	151.50	- 2.40	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 9708

Cazenove Portfolio	79.18	84.69	- 0.66	2.36
American Portfolio	89.67	95.69	- 1.02	0.96
European Portfolio	84.59	90.35	- 1.63	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	63.36	67.52	- 2.00	...
Pacific Portfolio	136.50	145.70	- 0.53	0.82
UK Inc & Growth	71.34	76.47	- 0.32	4.14
Utility & Bond	35.98	38.64	- 0.19	6.27

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

UK General Tst	63.18	67.21	- 0.40	2.98
Global Tst	58.37	62.09	- 0.58	0.31
Recovery Tst	65.60	69.78	- 0.50	1.89

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
75 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

Intl Growth	133.12	139.78	...	1.78
UK Growth	104.72	110.23	...	2.42
UK Income	106.77	112.11	...	4.33

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Blenheim Intl	90.04	95.13	...	1.76
Beck Bio-Tech	43.36	46.15	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.56	162.70	...	1.14
City Fin Assets	66.50	70.00†	+ 0.04	1.75
City Fin America	82.02	86.34	...	...
City Fin Intl	71.28	79.24†	...	0.59
City Fin Japan	166.19	174.94	...	...
Friars Fin Cap	257.60	271.16	- 0.73	2.40
Friars Hse Inc	193.26	203.43†	+ 0.03	5.01
Tuckaway Wrld Gwth	129.77	139.56	...	0.72
Fairmnt Cap Gth	132.35	139.32†	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	109.25	114.98†	...	2.24
Fairmount Intl	148.74	156.57†	...	...
City Fin Ptfio Inc	59.89	63.71	...	3.50

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0992 452 144
Emerging Markets 52.77 56.99 - 0.28 ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	57.66	61.67	- 0.15	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.03	39.60	- 0.41	0.14
Dragon Growth	70.45	75.33	- 0.73	0.61
Equity High Inc	81.17	86.12	- 0.73	3.73
European Gwth	46.26	49.08	- 0.52	0.85
Evergreen	29.18	31.21	- 0.22	...
General Equity	78.98	84.86	- 1.17	2.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.31	28.70	- 0.06	8.10
Japan Growth	46.50	49.73	- 1.31	...
Pedigree Gwth	47.84	51.03	- 0.54	2.17
Ptd Sts Cos Inc	30.14	31.98†	- 0.22	0.94
Retirement Inc	25.72	27.66	- 0.27	5.44
Special Sits	35.21	37.66	- 0.22	1.87
UK & Overseas	47.36	50.25	- 0.49	1.12

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chalkdon Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 998 000

Capital	62.19	66.51	- 0.56	2.89
Income	59.71	63.86	- 0.16	3.90

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9828

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	158.12	166.21†	- 0.04	5.36
Fixed & Convertible	45.58	48.79	- 0.08	5.80
Monthly Inc Plus	51.81	55.12†	+ 0.02	6.13
Preference Share	49.56	52.72†	+ 0.02	7.21
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.95	135.05†	- 0.67	6.08
Managed Fund	66.13	70.39†	- 0.73	2.87
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.69	41.16	- 0.03	1.99
UK & General	73.16	77.83†	- 0.90	2.78
UK Growth	128.86	137.09	- 1.51	1.66
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	167.74	178.45	- 3.28	...
Far Eastern Gth	130.41	138.73	- 2.00	0.30
Global Bond	87.70	93.19†	- 0.43	5.73
Gold & Gnrls	65.23	69.39	...	...
Japan Growth	113.07	120.29	- 1.40	...
North Amer Grth	162.53	172.90	- 0.99	...
Oriental Growth	78.65	83.67	- 0.72	...
Worldwide Growth	61.66	65.60†	- 0.87	0.26
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.96	91.96†	+ 0.03	5.00
Homesmaker Fund	172.84	179.49	- 0.74	1.98
Qualifier Fund	130.16	138.47	- 1.28	2.15

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 899

Growth Inc	55.45	58.98	- 0.55	3.00
High Income	33.00	35.10†	- 0.20	4.50
Japan	33.50	35.63	- 0.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.73	30.56†	- 0.14	2.40
Smaller Cos	28.90	31.80†	- 0.14	2.40
North American	32.51	34.58	- 0.05	0.60
European	33.72	35.87	- 0.52	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	30.35	32.56	....	4.55

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
28-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NU 071 283 9494

Equity Dist	782.70	796.50†	....	3.77

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

Fellowship Tst	66.20	70.43	- 0.11	1.83
Income	227.20	241.90	- 1.60	3.69
Smaller Cos	135.70	144.40	- 0.80	1.12
Inv Portfolio	72.67	77.31	- 0.46	5.25
High Income Port	65.19	69.35	- 0.48	5.25

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 638 8777

US Small Cos	1357.6	1385.4†	....	....
Japan Small Cos	1164.1	1187.4†	....	....
UK Small Cos	1620.8	1692.7	....	....
US Small Cos	1614.9	1660.2†	....	....

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 5919

Disc Inc	178.90	188.30†	....	2.90

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Rawdons Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

European Gwth	228.90	242.10	- 5.00	1.24
New Asia	201.90	212.60	- 1.60	0.36
Japan Growth	128.70	138.10	- 3.80	....
Jap Smlr Co	489.90	521.10	- 9.20	....
Nth Amer	241.80	256.80	- 0.70	0.93
Stlfrd Asia Pac Mt	112.00	120.50	- 0.60	0.52
UK Inc & Grth	206.80	220.50†	- 1.10	3.67

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	132.90	141.40	- 0.70	2.44
UK High Inc Inc	143.80	153.00†	- 0.80	5.79
UK Pref & Fi Inc	63.99	67.84	- 0.03	6.49
Envnmntl Opps	75.85	80.69	- 0.28	1.52

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

American	130.70	138.30†	+ 0.10	0.39
Convertibles	25.28	26.74	- 0.04	7.86
Equity Income	130.60	138.80	- 0.60	3.60
EuroFund	42.00	44.45	- 0.56	0.90
Growth & Inc	227.20	241.40	- 1.20	3.11
High Dist	154.30	163.90†	- 0.50	4.58
International	262.30	278.70†	- 1.30	0.84
Ind Income	90.75	100.10	- 0.20	2.60
Latin American	40.11	42.62	- 0.17	0.28
Pacific	79.28	84.24	- 1.06	0.36
Smlr Cos Inc	98.20	105.00	- 0.90	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	186.80	199.70	- 1.90	....
Monthly Income	76.47	81.44	- 0.10	3.98
North American	111.30	119.20	- 0.90	0.15
Orient	141.70	151.50	- 2.40	....

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Queen Street, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

American	130.70	138.30†	+ 0.10	0.39
Convertibles	25.28	26.74	- 0.04	7.86
Equity Income	130.60	138.80	- 0.60	3.60
EuroFund	42.00	44.45	- 0.56	0.90
Growth & Inc	227.20	241.40	- 1.20	3.11
High Dist	154.30	163.90†	- 0.50	4.58
International	262.30	278.70†	- 1.30	0.84
Ind Income	90.75	100.10	- 0.20	2.60
Latin American	40.11	42.62	- 0.17	0.28
Pacific	79.28	84.24	- 1.06	0.36
Smlr Cos Inc	98.20	105.00	- 0.90	1.70
Mngd Pfolio Acc	186.80	199.70	- 1.90	....
Monthly Income	76.47	81.44	- 0.10	3.98
North American	111.30	119.20	- 0.90	0.15
Orient	141.70	151.50	- 2.40	....

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70508

Elcon Trust	203.20	217.20	....	....

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Hertingfordbury Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7282

Endurance Fd	191.30	203.80†	....	0.46

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

European	71.06	74.80	- 1.06	1.80
Far Eastern	300.68	316.50	- 3.23	1.38
High Income	127.83	134.34†	- 1.01	4.48
Intl Growth	110.61	116.43	- 0.85	1.25
North American	113.67	119.65	- 0.91	1.04
Pelican	111.87	117.76†	- 1.32	3.18
Smaller Cos	72.04	75.83	- 0.37	1.96
Special Sits	84.38	88.82	- 0.64	2.03
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.91	179.91	- 1.25	2.08

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	186.10	199.90†	- 0.17	1.78
Smaller Cos Acc	222.31	238.91†	- 0.31	1.78
Recovery	45.09	46.01†	- 0.10	2.32

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced				
Capital Growth	73.19	78.49†	- 0.67	...
Pd of Inv Tsts	40.38	43.08	- 0.29	0.26
High Income	46.94	50.07†	- 0.20	9.85
Warrant	55.24	60.05	- 0.19	...
Zero Preference	36.62	38.86	+ 0.07	...

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Widespread falls

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 15. Dealings end November 26. §Contango day November 29. Settlement day December 6. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Ntl	403	-6	11.8	3.7	15.5
290	179	Allied Irish	270	...	...	3.9	13.8
216	130	Aus New Z	205	-5	...	4.3	—
4606¼	2712½	BankAmerica	2618½	-31¼	...		
295	177	Bk of Ireland	278 †	...			
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	4.5	20.5
199	116½	Bank Scotland	191	...	17.0	6.1	...
599	362	Barclays	561	-14	4.6	3.1	25.9
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	2.8	...
22	15½	Carlisle	20½	...			
595	395	Cater Allen	555	...	27.0	6.1	...
153	85	Cattles	140	...	...	4.0	18.6
2467½	1747½	Chase Manh	2212½	-25			
2601	1343½	Citicorp	2312½	-47½			
465	250	Close Bros	453	-3	...	3.0	16.5
£144½	9275	Commerzbk	£141½	-287½	...	2.6	
£342½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£329½	-287½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	66				
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	
529	343	Gerrard Nat	453 †	...	27.5	5.9	12.0
775	490	HSBC	725	-13	20.0	3.4	17.3
785	474	HSBC HK	725	-11	20.0	3.4	17.7
403	243	Hambros	354 †	-3	14.3	5.0	16.4
429	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	144	...	9.0	7.8	...
530	312	Kleinwort Ben	502	-4	16.7	4.2	17.4
591	492	Lloyds	564	-16	19.1	4.2	16.1
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.4
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	548	-18	...	3.9	—
586	398	Nat West	542	-14	17.8	4.1	32.0
440	270	Provident	413	-5	12.4	3.8	17.9
54	39	Rea Bros	50	...	0.5	1.4	53.1
372	207	Rvl Bk Scot	364	-6	9.0	3.1	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1193	-17	...	1.3	23.8
1069	576	Stand Chart	1020	-24	20.5	2.5	...
227	145½	TSB	214	-1	6.4	3.7	...
190	78	Union Disc	170	...			
440	529	Warburg SG	429 †	-11	...	3.0	12.1
8600	4647½	Wells Fargo	7625	-45½	...	2.6	
316	121	Westpac	189	-15	...	2.7	—
225	186	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	29.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	571	-3	...	4.6	15.4
647	441	Bass	469	-3	19.1	5.1	10.2
290	190	Boddington	252	...	7.5	3.7	14.7
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	435	-3	...	2.0	19.0
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	179 †	-3	4.7	3.3	15.0
120	75	Eldridge P 'A'	124	...	...	3.4	32.8
79	50	Fosters Brewing	66	...	...	4.0	—
435	339	Fullr Sm 'A'	408	-1	...	2.3	17.5
490	377	Grand Met	386	-8	12.5	4.0	12.8
422	347	Greenalls Grp	369	-1	12.0	4.1	12.2
575	508	Greene King	549	-2	...	2.8	15.5
521	395	Guinness	431	-15	...	3.5	13.5
261	230	Hardys Hansn	245	-2	7.8	4.0	13.6
138	105	Heavitree	138	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
355	275	Highland Dist	316	-2	...	2.7	15.5
3115	2528	Holt J	3113	...	42.0	1.7	20.3
91	33	Hoskins Brew	70	...	...	...	50.4
323	250	Invergordn Dist	301	+1	...	2.0	17.2
166	124	Macallan-Glen	124	-1	4.3	4.4	27.8
465	375	Marstn Marsn 'A'	393	...	...	2.8	18.7
[illegible]	164	Mansfield	199	-1	...	2.5	13.5
[illegible]	251	Mrston Thmp	271	...	...	2.5	16.4
540	256½	Matthew Clark	540	...	...	4.2	16.0
301	[illegible]	Mrrdown W	223	-15	7.0	3.9	17.6
545	456	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.6
12	6½	Paramount	6	...	...	3.1	—
166	145	Regent Inns	186	...	...	3.0	19.1
1166	[illegible]	SA Breweries	1155	-14	...	2.3	19.5
452	393	Scot & New	472	-2	...	4.5	14.7
225	150	Taunton Cider	180	-4	6.0	4.2	14.7
260	213	Vaux Group	261	-2	9.3	4.5	18.0
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	336	...	...	2.0	26.1
574	435	Whitbread 'A'	510	-4	...	4.5	12.1
1425	650	-do- 'B'	1138	...	...	2.0	27.2
[illegible]	462	Wolvrhmptn D	476	-1	11.8	3.1	13.4
515	475	Young 'A'	490	...	14.7	3.9	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
175	73	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
25	12½	Albrighton	19				
145	87	Allen	142	+3	...	4.5	31.8
130	85	Amec	109	-1	3.0	3.4	20.2
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½				
326	130	Ashtead	305	-4	...	1.9	32.3
143	101	Attwoods	139	-1	...	4.6	...
276	160	BPB Ind	260	-3	...	3.6	44.7
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
41	16	Bailey (Ben) Con	26½	-1½	0.6	2.8	...
108	74	Barcom	83	-3	1.2	1.9	15.1
50	27½	Bardon	39	...	2.0	6.4	19.2
195	94	Barratt Devs	175	...	4.0	2.9	—
460	305	Bellway	452	-1	12.0	3.4	—
43	15	Bellwinch	38	-1			
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	428	-1	...	1.8	26.8
116	45	Bett Bros	101	...	2.0	2.5	—
63	36	Blockleys	51	-2	1.0	2.5	56.3
313	189	Blue Circle	307	-1½	...	4.6	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	87	...	4.6	6.6	21.4
125	82	Br Dredging	125	...	5.2	5.2	27.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
151	95	Bryant	142	...	...	4.2	28.7
121	53	CALA	117	-1	...	2.5	...
328	200	CRH	316	...	...	2.7	17.4
45	19	Cakebread Rby	30				
41½	21	Costain	28½				
150	86½	Countryside	143	...	...	3.6	37.8
98½	38	Crest Nicholson	94	-1	0.0	...	
112	77	Cussins	87	+1	...	1.4	...
7½	1½	Dunton	4				
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	18½	...	0.3	2.0	...
278	178	Epwin	224	...	7.0	3.2	23.2
59	32	Erith	54	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	503	...	...	2.5	18.2
6½	3	Explaura	3½				
140	97	Freeman Gp	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	—
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	—
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	152	...	...	2.7	27.1
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
358	186	Heywd Wm	347	-2	12.5	4.5	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	109	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	38	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13				
316	196	Laing (J)	286	-2	9.0	3.9	11.4
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	117½	-1	...	0.8	...
110	55	Ln Clydeside	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
350	240	Manders	307	...	9.3	3.8	18.8
170	95	Marley	170	+2	4.2	3.1	49.9
125	61	Marshalls	118	-1	...	4.3	...
190	122	Maunders (J)	190	+4	5.1	3.4	—
217	96	Mcalpine (A)	202	...	6.5	4.0	35.0
47	23	McCarthy & S	39	...	0.5	1.6	...
458	272	Meyer Int	445	-6	...	2.8	44.1
129	62	Mowlem (J)	121	...	4.0	4.1	...
160	51	NSM	149				
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	149	...	...	5.6	19.9
300	197	Persimmon	280	-1	8.0	3.8	28.6
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10				
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	-175	29.0	2.4	21.8
163	80	Prowting	149 †	-1	3.4	2.9	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	1½				
848	555	RMC Gp	838	-6	...	3.0	31.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	77	-1	...	4.9	18.2
36	16	Ramus	20				
575	402	Redland	537	-4	35.0	5.8	31.2
96	64	Roskel	82	...	4.3	6.6	12.1
296	207	Rugby Group	274	-7	6.4	2.9	21.0
68	23	Svrild-Rvee	67	...	...	0.5	...
161	68	Sharpe & Fisher	161	+1	...	3.1	28.0
241	86½	Sheffield Insl	230	...	...	2.9	56.4
175	82	Sherif Hldgs	173	...	...	1.6	25.8
95	66	Shorco	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	196	Smart (J)	222 †	...	8.5	4.8	—
6½	2½	Starmin	3				
156	100	Tarmac	132	-4	5.5	5.2	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	-2	...	4.2	20.8
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	115	-6	1.0	1.1	...
633	453	Tilbury Dougls	585	-8	33.0	7.1	19.0
39	19	Torex Hire	36	...	...	1.4	...
288	168	Travis Perkins	284	-3	8.0	3.5	50.0
40	25	Try Group	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.4
28	21	Tudor	21	...	...	1.5	...
94	41	Vibroplant	86	...	2.5	3.7	30.5
65	30	Ward Hldgs	33	...			
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...			
475	360	Watts Blake	427	...	...	3.5	18.4
21½	6½	Wescola	19	+1			
174	90	Westbury	166 †	-2	5.0	3.8	25.9
12	4½	West Scaffold	7				
4½	3	Wiggins	3½				
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	417	...	...	2.7	29.3
205	147	Wilson (C)	180	-2	3.9	2.7	31.2
194	104	Wimpey G	170	...	...	3.0	...
47	25	YRM	34	...	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	-10	...	...	...
248	198	Adam & Harvey	243 †	...	13.0	6.7	4.5
92	56	Air London	61	...	...	7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	
178	93	Auto Sec	130	+2	...	5.9	23.3
176	64	BET Ord	128	...	...	2.2	5.2
113	41	BNB Res	113	...	4.9	5.4	...
318	256	BPP	310	...	8.3	3.3	17.1
255	195	Barbour Index	245	...	8.0	4.1	16.7
36	15	Boustead	24	-1	0.7	3.7	...
259	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	4.7	2.5	17.5
36	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
77	54	Brooks Service	59	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CPT Gp	94	...	...	3.7	16.7
193	139½	Capita Group	187	-2	...	1.5	29.2
45½	31	Casket Plc	39½	...	...	2.9	15.0
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½				
51	36	Christie	48				
370	228	Chubb Sec	354	...	...	1.7	22.0
100	90	Cornac	93	...	...	2.0	24.3
37	6½	Corp Services	36	...			
91	30	Coutts Cnslg	84	-2			
177	50	Darr	134	-1	3.3	3.1	18.2
256	196	Davis Service	214	...	...	4.7	16.1
104	85	EW Fact	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
32	11	Gardiner	27½	+2	0.4	1.9	19.1
277	215	Hays	250	+2	5.3	2.6	—
238	174	Hogg Robinsn	226	...	...	3.8	16.3
70	34	Holmes Protectn	38	+1	...	...	2.3
276	127	Hutch Whamp	263	-10	...	1.8	22.0
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2062½	...	...	1.0	14.2
537	475	Inchcape	507	+7	...	3.5	16.5
975	669	Johnson Clean	865	-3	25.7	3.7	18.9
12	7½	Lep	8				
288	173	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1157	893	Manpower	1103	-7			
62	40½	Michael Page	59½	...	1.6	3.8	25.3
279	120	Penna	120	-2	...	8.4	4.5
4½	2	Prime People	3½				
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	63	+4	...	29.8	3.5
423	237	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
118	66	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
106	43	Reed Executive	97				
156	108	Reliance Sec	110	...	...	5.1	23.9
208	178	Rentokil	204	-2	2.5	1.5	25.4
297	220	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
366	334	Salvesen (C)	346	-1	...	2.8	19.0
36	26	Scott Pickford	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select Appt	7½	-½			
1225	695	Serco Gp	1223	...	13.3	1.4	33.8
352	83	Sherwd Cmpt	94	+4	...	9.3	2.7
130	90	Sketchley	105	...	...	3.6	23.8
355	310	Warner Howrd	330 †	...	6.6	2.5	17.2
45	27	Welpac	28				
28	14	Wilt Gp	27	...	0.4	1.9	—

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	228	-4	...	3.4	20.1
957	613	Amersham	947 †	-6	...	1.8	32.8
[illegible]	1½	Anglo Utd	2				
£112	9125	BASF DM	£105½	-12½	...	6.3	...
301	196	BTP	275	...	...	4.3	18.8
[illegible]	£101½	Bayer DM50	£127	-11½	...	4.3	...
175	118	Blagden	174	...	6.5	6.1	14.4
163	93	Brent Chems	114	-1	...	8.1	10.4
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	387	+2			
24	6½	Cairn Gp	7	...	...	22.2	19.4
150	120	Canning (W)	153	-3	7.2	6.0	17.5
[illegible]	424	Courtaulds	434	-9	...	4.2	10.5
339	228	Croda	339	+1	...	2.0	19.5
140	121	Doeflex	122	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
226	175	Ellis & Everard	210	...	...	4.2	20.1
42½	19½	Euro Colour	37 †	-½	0.8	3.0	17.7
[illegible]	250	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	151	Hickson	156	...	...	6.4	14.5
[illegible]	650	Hoechst	£107½	-162½	...	3.4	
[illegible]	174	Holliday Chem	171	-51	...	2.7	16.0
[illegible]	606	ICI	675	-11	...	5.1	
[illegible]	57½	Laporte	654	-5	14.9	1.8	16.0
250	151	Leigh	205	...	...	4.8	19.8
[illegible]	35	MTM	48½	...			
2050	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2025	-9½	...	1.4	28.8
464	370	Paterson Zoch	450	...	...	3.5	19.2
420	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
296	199	Plysu	286	+1	...	4.2	13.4
303	173	Purvair	298	...	3.8	1.6	31.9
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	47				
485	412	Wardle Storeys	418 †	-2	...	5.2	19.3
540	395	Wolstnhlme R	538	...	17.0	3.9	18.4
425	330	Yorks Chem	392	-3	...	2.9	21.0
300	233	Yule Catto	265	...	...	2.8	16.5
796	591	Zeneca	766	-6	...	4.5	45.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	51	Alexon	69½	...	...	5.4	...
87	42	Amber Day	57 †	+1	1.3	3.0	—
358	257	Argos Plc	328	-3	...	2.7	28.0
25	9½	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
118	89	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	318	-1	5.1	2.0	22.0
154	94	Austin Reed	147	-1	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	-1	...	5.0	15.2
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	144	Berterware	145 †	-5	...	1.9	17.4
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
227	133	Body Shop	204	-1	...	1.1	26.3
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	12	...	...	0.8	6.2
434	318	Brown (N)	418	...	...	2.2	24.6
87½	64	Burton	65½	-½	2.0	3.9	—
167	126	Cantors	167	+3	4.0	3.0	—
360	295	Church	335	+3	12.5	4.7	29.8
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	+1	4.3	3.6	18.5
290½	212	Coats Viyella	257	-5	...	3.6	35.5
132	78	Colourvision	90	...	5.6	7.8	16.2
181	154	Ctry Casuals	158	...	...	3.3	14.7
830	374	Courts Furnish	824	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
130	89	Dairy Farm Inl	118	+1	...	3.1	17.3
91	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	89½	...	0.8	1.1	28.7
285	169	Dixons Grp	266½	-7½	...	2.9	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11				
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	154	-1	...	3.8	—
273	203	Etam	222	...	7.0	4.0	20.2
608	499	Fine Art Dev	535	...	12.7	3.0	17.5
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47				
588	498	Forminster	585	...	14.0	3.0	10.6
180	24	French Conn	129	-1			
74	43	Gem SF	71	...	2.1	3.7	—
76	33	Goldsmiths Gp	75	...	0.3	0.5	...
579	334	GUS	564	-11	...	2.4	18.0
40	23	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
37	30	Hartstone	47	+1	...	7.4	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	26	...	2.0	4.7	12.3
75	28	Herkages	75				
79	35	Honeysuckle	73	...	...	3.9	—
161	63	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	12.0
691	496	Kingfisher	669	-3	...	2.6	23.0
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
685	495	Liberty	575	+10	7.2	1.6	67.7
320	241	Lloyds Chem	306	-1	7.2	3.0	—
152	120	MFI	137	+1	...	3.4	28.8
413½	311	Marks Spencer	406 †	-5	...	2.6	30.7
580	445	Menzies (John)	572	...	...	2.4	16.2
253	135	Moss Bros	227	-4	5.5	3.0	26.7
212	139½	Next	187½	-2	3.5	2.4	21.0
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	+1			
324	197	Oriflame Intl	302	-1	...	4.0	14.8
63	38½	Penns	39	...	0.8	2.6	8.1
313	185	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
69½	30½	Rhino Grp	58 †				
170	120	Rosebys	170	+2	...	3.6	20.4
181	135	Sherwood Gp	144	...	...	2.3	13.0
120	93	Sears	118	-1	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	24	-3½			
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	459	-5	...	3.9	15.0
20	4½	Specialeyes	18				
229	176	Storehouse	196	-5	...	3.2	19.1
191	148	T & S Stores	151	...	6.0	5.0	11.2
162	71	Tie Rack	137	-3	1.0	0.9	22.4
239	160	Time Products	227	...	7.7	4.3	19.3
128	63	Usher (Frank)	105	...	...	7.1	9.1
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum	42 †	...	...	5.6	...
119	76	Wickes	115 †	+1	...	0.2	52.3
78	45	Wid of Leather	62				
192½	142	Wyevale	163 †	...	...	3.3	21.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3				

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	161 †	...	...	3.8	16.4
253	223	Acal	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
162½	38	Acorn Comp	90	...	...	...	45.6
480	385	Admiral	468	-1	5.7	1.5	19.8
170	104	Alba	162	-1	...	3.7	20.3
50	19½	Alphameric	39½				
55	22	Amstrad	42	+2½	0.5	1.5	—
128	61	App Holo	71				
43	9½	Arien	37				
80	35½	Astec	70	-½	...	0.4	...
293	243	Beales Hunter	243	...	...	4.8	15.0
9	2	Bennett & Foun	2½				
446	319	BICC	380	-1	19.2	6.3	78.2
558	408	Bick	457	-1	...	2.8	18.3
1700	925	Borland	1200				
371	274	Bowthorpe	336 †	-2	6.4	2.4	21.9
478½	376	BT	462½	-7	...	4.4	17.6
229½	150	BT P/P	211	-8	...	4.3	22.0
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16½	-½	0.1	0.7	...
160	88	Burnfield	88	...	5.7	8.2	13.9
509	334½	Cable Wireless	451	-11	...	2.1	23.4
27½	11½	Chloride	22½	-1½			
273	226	CML Micro	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	110				
164	108½	Cray Elect	147	...	...	1.3	15.1
433	243	Critchley	413	-2	...	1.5	23.6
554	414	Delta	476	-1	...	3.7	19.9
423	205	Denmans Ele	420	...	...	1.8	17.9
620	395	Domino	429	...	7.4	2.2	14.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	...	...	5.0	26.6
1200	865	Drucks	1200	...	10.0	1.0	25.6
469	358	Electrocompnts	439 †	-4	...	2.4	17.9
710	470	El Data Prc	703	-2	5.1	0.9	19.3
146	43	Electron House	133	+2	2.6	2.4	29.2
30½	10½	Emess	21½	-1	0.1	0.6	...
632	442	Eurotherm	629	-1	8.5	1.7	28.6
187½	108	FKI	183	-2½	...	2.3	36.6
509	340	Farnell Elect	506	...	...	1.6	26.4
91	33	Feedback	77	-1	...	2.4	10.0
18	1	Ferranti	1				
280	101	First Tech	258	...	...	0.5	21.5
270	81	Forward Gp	240	-8	...	2.1	21.5
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½				
367½	264	GEC	332½	-4½	10.3	3.9	16.7
199	132	Graseby	155	+2	...	8.8	32.6
14	7½	Greystone	10½ †				
53	36	Hilldare	43	-5	...	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	151	...	4.4	3.6	—
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
88	26	Kalamazoo	85	...	2.1	3.1	19.7
19	8	Kembrey	13	-½	0.1	1.5	...
349	260	Kenwood App	328	+3	...	3.0	18.2
262	47	Kewill Sys	262	+1			
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	25				
365	122	LBMS	228	-10	...	0.4	32.2
300	205	Lec Refrig	265	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	135	...	3.7	3.5	14.6
285	164	Logica	286	-1	...	1.9	30.7
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	211	-7	...	3.1	19.8
718	523	Macro 4	670	-3	...	3.3	20.4
243	175½	Memvier-Swa	215	...	...	2.1	19.0
3015	1298	Micro Focus	1348	-15	...	...	12.4
227	147	Microgen	153	-2	7.2	5.9	10.4
39½	23½	Microvitec	30½				
529	357	Misys	520	-1	...	1.7	19.0
584	98	Mitel	407				
153	108	MMT Comp	153	...	...	3.3	—
50½	16	Molynx	41	+½	1.3	...	
272	202	MTL Inst	252	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
240	116	Murray Enter	234	-1	...	2.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2787½	-50			
188	128	Neotronics	131	+1	2.6	3.5	16.9
65	42	Newmark (L)	56				
277	58	Norbain	269	+7	...	0.7	20.7
75	20	Northamber	65	-2	0.6	1.2	...
15½	7½	Oceonics	8½				
297	195	Oxford Inst	289	-2	4.6	2.0	19.8
83	48	P-E Internat	73				
81½	29	P & P	63	...	1.5	3.0	33.5
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
227	115	Pegasus	213	-1	...	3.7	54.7
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1350	-25			
313	211	Phonelink	278	-2			
280	171½	Pifco	273	...	...	1.9	22.9
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	263	...	...	2.0	22.0
96	63	Plasmec	75	...	...	5.0	6.3
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
187	81	Psion	187	+1	...	1.7	49.7
261	160	Racal Elect	191	-1½	4.2	2.8	11.4
70	43	Radamec	43	-3	...	4.4	9.2
70	31	Radius	36	...	2.2	7.8	12.4
92	61	Real Time	67	+1	...	5.6	13.8
35	18	Riva	27	...	...	...	34.2
624	367	Sage Gp	432	...	9.3	2.7	13.8
348	222	Sanderson Elec	304	...	9.9	4.1	13.0
88	49	Scanstronic	74	+2	3.1	5.3	18.7
181	117	Senoles Grp	165	...	...	3.8	21.4
375	270	Sema Gp	321	...	2.9	1.1	26.0
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	2.9	...
51	37	Soundtracks	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
2675	1737½	TDK	2300	-100	...	1.4	26.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits	17½				
198	80	Telemetrix	152	...	0.8	0.7	25.0
1017	809	THORN EMI	969	+2	...	4.2	19.4
152	96	Thorpe FW	125	...	...	2.7	14.6
103	43	Total Systems	44	...	3.0	8.5	7.6
575	372	Tunstall	565	...	5.7	1.3	22.6
295	164	Unitech	244	-1	...	3.1	57.8
11½	6	Verity	9				
35	24	Vistec	24½	-1	...	1.9	14.0
585	367	Vodafone	530	-4	...	1.7	23.6
473	368	Volex	418	-1	18.1	5.5	16.9
26	11	Western Selectn	19				
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	272	...	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	389	East Midlands	572	+4	...	4.3	10.7
622	399	Eastern Elect	597	+3	...	4.0	11.9
419	304	Hydro-Elect	398½	-3½	...	3.6	14.4
618	404	London Elect	600	-1	...	4.1	13.3
673	458	Manweb	655	+2	...	4.0	9.5
643	424½	Midlands Elec	614	-4	...	4.1	11.0
421	273	National Powr	405 †	-8	...	3.4	10.0
666	440	Northern Elec	635	+2	...	4.2	9.2
206	100	Nthn Ireland	196	-3	...	4.0	10.6
672	439	Norweb	658	+4	20.0	3.6	10.2
476½	273	PowerGen	462	-8	...	2.6	12.2
420	285	Scottish Power	408	-3	...	3.4	15.1
681	436	Seeboard	651	+6	...	3.8	10.5
681	469	Sth Wales	657	-6	...	4.2	10.9
626	426	Sth Western	609	+4	...	4.1	9.7
642	406	Southern Elec	618	...	...	4.0	11.3
647	455	Yorkshire Elec	634	-3	...	4.1	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD	125	...	...	3.4	19.5
101	26	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
550	413	Caledonia	534	-1	...	3.5	19.8
1800	1075	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	6.7
318	263	Candover	300	-2	10.4	4.4	21.2
288	71	Fletteche	288	+19	...	0.2	...
352	156	Govett	336	...	...	4.9	9.9
188	125	Ivory Sime	151	...	...	5.4	14.2
6½	3	LIT	5				
240	154	Lon Forfaitng	228	...	8.7	4.8	16.6
74	47	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	—
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½				
52	40	Newmarket	52				
341	246	Rathbone Brs	337	...	6.5	2.6	19.3
26	17	Rutland Tst	24	...	...	4.2	14.3
340	253	S & U	305	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
83	48	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
1038	713	Sotheby's	983	-17	...	3.5	...
126	114	SJP Capital	117	...	3.0	3.2	48.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2087½	...			
1133	835	Henderson Ad	978	-5	...	5.4	22.3
200	92	Invesco	152	-1	...	2.5	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	261	-3	...	3.0	10.9
236	154	MAI	226	...	...	3.8	14.3
728	389	MAM	638 †	-6	16.0	3.1	15.9
1005	633	M & G	940	-8	...	2.9	25.0
406	109	Smith New Ct	375	-4	...	2.0	5.7
61	45	Trio Hldgs	51	...	...	7.4	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	496	+5	...	3.8	10.1
77½	49	ASDA Group	52½	-1	1.6	3.8	12.6
320	170	Acatos & Hutch	316	...	7.6	3.0	18.2
80	55	Albert Fisher	62	-1	3.7	7.6	—
407	246	Argyll	268	-4	...	5.1	9.9
230	160	Banks (S C)	228	...	9.0	4.9	10.2
402	305	Barr (AG)	305	...	6.5	2.7	15.4
85	57	Bensons Crisp	64	...	...	5.6	14.4
141	100	Beresford Intl	100				
455	357	Booker	401	-3	...	6.8	34.8
52	35	Borthwick	49	-½	...	3.1	60.9
505	430	Brake Bros	483 †	-1	8.3	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	41	-1	...	3.0	12.5
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	451	-9	...	3.7	15.9
143	78	Carrs Milling	129	...	3.9	3.8	25.8
196	133	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	10.9
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
384	119	Dalepak	138	...	6.0	5.4	10.9
521	424	Dalgety	460	-2	...	5.6	13.1
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	245	+1	...	2.8	23.3
134	99	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
380	269	Farepak	371	-2	5.7	1.9	22.8
10	3	Farringford	7	-½			
94	64	Finlay (James)	74 †	...	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
483	328	Geest	330 †	...	8.1	3.1	14.9
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
49	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	160	-1	...	5.0	9.0
175	131	Hillsdown	152	-2	8.8	7.2	11.9
250	160	Iceland Group	170	...	...	2.6	10.7
131	101	JLI Group	101	-1	...	5.8	11.2
853	576	Kwik Save	583	-1	16.7	3.6	11.2
262	144	Low (Wm)	151	...	8.4	7.2	—
83	41	Matthews (B)	74	...	2.3	4.0	48.5
19½	11	Merchant Retail	11	-1	0.9	11.0	22.1
174	84	Morrison (W)	90	...	...	1.2	11.7
233	177	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
291	220	Nthn Foods	229	...	...	4.6	11.4
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fn	12				
229	172	Nurdin Peack	180	...	...	4.3	10.0
251	205	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.3
115	78	Perkins Food	80	-1	...	7.0	9.2
114	47	PizzaExpress	101	...	...	0.6	21.3
9	1½	Regina Hlth	4				
584	360	Sainsbury J	386	-5	...	3.4	13.4
86	33	Sentry Farm	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Sims Food	108	...	...	8.7	20.8
430	355½	Tate & Lyle	389	-1	12.3	4.0	12.3
273	176	Tesco	196	-2	...	4.7	8.9
211	123	Thorntons	166	-1	...	2.7	...
183	101	Tresti	151	...	...	3.1	17.2
410	300	Unigate	354	-3	...	5.9	11.4
437	326	Utd Biscuits	330	-2	...	5.8	20.4
24½	18½	Usborne	21½	...	...	3.1	15.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	288	-2	13.2	5.7	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs	26				
93½	77	City Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
250	170	Forte	234	-3	...	4.0	18.4
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	-½			
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	124 †	...	...	5.2	10.0
222½	149	Ladbroke	161	+1	11.1	8.7	13.8
85	59	Mandarin Ornl	78	...	...	4.3	19.3
52	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½				
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	798	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	59	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	36	+1	...	...	2.2
616	455	AAH	498	-2½	...	4.3	16.0
185	140	ADM	174	-1	7.5	5.4	10.5
132	88	APV	101	-½	...	6.7	...
238	81	ASW	146	+1	...	5.1	...
186½	118	Adwest	159	-4	...	5.7	15.3
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Airsprung	274	...	...	2.1	17.5
184	113	Alexdra W	170	...	4.1	3.0	26.9
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7				
292½	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
565	345	Amber Ind	565	...	...	4.1	12.9
56	45	Amberley Gp	46	...	...	2.7	...
107	75	Anagen	82				
145	75	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	6.5	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	945	-15	...	2.1	17.5
54½	37	Armour	46½	...	...	4.4	11.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	...	2.1	...
541½	454	Avon Rubber	498	...	...	4.1	19.9
265	168	Assoc Nursg	255	...	...	0.5	15.6
687½	518	Atlas Equip	518	-2	...	5.3	13.0
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	75				
188	147	BBA	187	+1	...	5.0	15.9
88	38	BLP Group	88				
77	13	BM Gp	20	+½	3.4	21.3	0.8
770	590	BOC	610	-8	...	4.8	14.1
79½	62	BSG	68½	-1	...	5.8	23.8
490	353	BSS Group	487	...	...	4.4	28.2
409½	318	BTR	351½	-6	...	3.9	19.7
221	153	BWI	154 †	+1	...	5.4	14.3
50	26	Babcock	29½	-2½	...	10.0	15.7
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½				
289	240	Baird (Wm)	258	-1	8.9	4.4	17.6
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	712½	...	...	4.7	—
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	3.0	25.0
15	4	Beaufort	4½				
6	2½	Beckenham	2½				
34	15	Bedford (W)	31				
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.3	12.1
707	290	Bespak	315	...	10.0	4.0	9.9
133	57	Bibby (J)	57	-1	2.0	4.4	—
312	129	Billam (J)	258	...	5.3	2.6	13.0
41	21½	Bilston Bursen	28				
11½	2	Bimec Ind	3½				
220	118½	Birkby	218	...	3.5	2.0	20.7
45	29½	Black Arrow	30	-1	2.1	8.9	9.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½				
253	136	Black (Peter)	249	-2	3.7	1.9	21.9
575	129	Bluebird Toys	568	...	...	1.0	17.3
322	247	Bodycote	279 †	-5	...	2.3	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
561	416	Boots	519 †	+3	...	3.3	20.5
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	433	-2	...	3.4	18.1
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1349	-5			
279	199	Boxmore Intl	273	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	...	4.4	...
303	204	Brammer	293	...	13.0	5.5	21.8
27	12	Bridgend Gp	21	...	0.4	...	
125	64	Bridon	125 †	+1	...	4.0	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	2.5	4.5	—
48	31	Brierley Inv	43	-2	...	7.8	—
308	220	Br Bldg & Eng	220	-5	8.0	4.5	—
82	42	Br Bloodstock	78				
528	417	Br Polythene	420	...	...	3.1	15.1
131½	54	Br Steel	117	-2	...	1.6	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	161	...	...	1.9	17.6
268	215	Br Vita	240	...	7.3	3.8	14.8
15½	5½	Brimon Grp	13½	-½	...	1.7	...
805	555	Broken Hill	759	-17	...	2.3	35.8
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	93	...	...	5.9	12.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9				
73	43	Brown & Tawse	43				
132	91	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
24	11½	Business Tech	18½				
28	12	CI Group	14	-2	0.5	5.3	13.1
42	11	Campbll & Arm	40				
39	6½	Carmon St	31	-1½			
260	205	Cape	260	...	...	5.0	17.6
343	254	Caradon	329	-3	...	3.3	26.6
169½	128	-do- pf	163½	-1	7.2	5.5	...
253	178	Cardo Eng	253	...	8.6	4.2	18.0
2880	2138	Carnaud Ml	2190	-38	...	2.8	—
78	68	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
213	158	Castings	198	...	4.3	2.7	14.0
71	53	Cathay Intl	57	+1			
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	185 †	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
753	605	Charter	733	-4	...	3.8	17.3
345	220	Chemring	325	+2	...	3.2	19.6
92	45	Chieftain Gp	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
45½	19½	Chillington	38	...	1.0	3.4	...
215	144	Christies Int	209	...	...	0.9	51.9
65	34	Claybithe	65	...	...	4.8	...
95	55	Clayton Son	57				
7	7	Co Designers	7 #				
405	285	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	232	...	...	3.7	15.8
246	180½	Concentric	308	-1	...	3.4	17.5
288	120	Cook (Wm)	245 †	...	6.0	3.1	14.8
233	182	Cookson	204	-1	...	3.7	27.0
76	38	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Crowd Pkr 'A'	159	...	...	4.5	21.5
178	92	Cosalt	133	...	8.6	8.1	20.2
224	150	Creighton Nt	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
46	27	CrestaCare	30	...	0.6	2.7	26.0
3956½	2993½	Dana	3787½	-21½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	290	-1	...	0.6	28.3
243	193	David Brown	215	-2	...	3.5	15.2
22	5	Davies (DY)	18				
798	632	De La Rue	797	+4	...	3.0	21.0
30	16	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
574	391	Diploma	563	-3	12.0	2.7	—
84	50	Dobson Park	84	+1	5.0	7.5	15.1
139	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	20.1
83	57	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
16½	8	EFG	14				
440	367	EIS	404 †	...	...	3.7	16.0
28	19	Elbief	22				
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2475	-37½	...	2.1	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	67				
475	394	Eng China Cl	409	-2	...	6.1	23.8
140	111	Environmed	136	...	...	...	58.4
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2850	-40½	...	1.0	...
77	32	Eurocopy	54	...	1.0	2.3	21.0
87	47	Expamet	63	...	...	4.8	1.5
717	499	Fairey Group	675	...	10.7	2.0	20.8
121	47	Fenner	118				
75	32	Ferraris Group	72	...	2.0	3.5	—
1½	½	Ferrometer	1½ †				
29	15	Ferrum	15	-1	1.4	11.7	10.5
61	29	Fife Indmar	61	...	0.7	1.5	...
251	139½	Fisons	143 †	-2	...	7.6	13.3
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	253	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	35	Folkes Group nv	35	...	1.5	5.4	19.9
86	56	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
234	162	Frost Group	225	-2	...	2.5	28.9
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	484	-2	...	5.3	32.3
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	4.9	...
101	70	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	138	...	8.2	7.4	6.0
68	23	Glevs	50	-1	...	...	36.2
801	509	Glaxo	639	-4	...	4.3	16.7
38	16	Glenchewton	33	+1			
331	245	Glynwed	305	-2	11.6	4.8	28.8
129	66	Goode Durrant	121	...	...	5.6	
153	102	Grampian Hd	133	+1	5.5	5.2	23.1
498	341	Granada	458	-15	7.9	2.2	24.4
447	301	Grest Shrm	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
117	78	Green (Ernst)	86	-2	...	10.2	—
19½	8½	Greenacre	13½				
17	6	Guardian Grp	6½				
66	30½	Haden MacLn	66	+½	...	3.8	23.8
94	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	276	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	200	...	...	1.2	26.9
50	30	Hampson Ind	50	+5	1.6	4.0	16.5
285	222	Hanson	277	-4	...	5.1	14.1
221	153	Harris (Philip)	158	...	...	5.4	9.6
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	177	-2	9.0	6.4	25.6
123	38	Havelock Euro	117	-1			
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38				
30	17	Headway	30	...	0.7	2.9	—
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
410	301	Hepworth	407	+4	14.8	4.6	17.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	-1	3.2	1.9	16.4
57½	15	High-Point	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
166	112½	Hill & Smith	165	...	...	4.3	23.0
19½	6½	Hobson	17				
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	-3	0.9	2.5	34.0
183	133	Hornby	181	+1	...	6.2	17.1
88	54½	Howden	79	-1	2.2	3.5	14.6
280	173	Hunting	232	...	...	5.4	19.6
503	269½	Hunsigh Tec	448	...	...	2.8	11.4
312	247	IMI	290	-3	...	4.3	25.7
119	90	ISA Intl	113	-1	1.5	1.7	17.6
205	132	Intercare Gp	132	-3	...	2.6	14.0
286	235	Isotron	278	...	4.3	2.0	—
665	360	Jardine Math	597	-20	...	2.1	21.8
537	425	Johnson Matth	460	+2	...	2.8	20.2
64	36½	Johnson & FB	39½	...	3.0	9.5	12.2
177	104	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	
32	19	Jones Shipman	25				
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	159	-1	...	2.8	22.1
297	195	Kelsey Ind	250	-2	8.0	4.0	...
655	465	Kershaw (A)	655	+5	27.0	5.2	34.0
235	75	Kleeneze	219	+5			
151	61	LOW	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
351	266	Laird	329	...	...	4.0	16.2
157½	103	Lilleshall	152	-1	...	3.6	20.0
223	97	Linsco	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	29½	...	...	...	24.3
128	76	Linread	106	...	3.8	4.5	16.4
280	170	Linton Park	260	...	...	6.7	9.4
15½	9½	Lionheart	10	...	0.2	2.5	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17½	...	0.8	6.1	25.2
274	135	Lon Intl	135	-8	9.4	8.8	10.3
144	70	Lonrho	140½	+2	...	3.6	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	340	...	...	3.4	47.6
41	14½	ML Hldgs	38	-1			
56	27	MS Ind	56	...	...	5.6	57.7
59	39	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	—
216	168	Macfarlane	201	...	...	2.1	22.8
460	379	McKechnie	458	+2	14.7	4.4	—
106	85	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.4	12.3
10½	1½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	9.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
119	71	Mang Bronze	107	+1	2.5	2.9	—
26½	19½	Marling	24½	-½	...	3.3	...
208	124	Mayborn	208	+3	...	3.1	16.0
62	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	123	-1	...	2.4	10.0
118	88	Meggitt	96	-2½	...	5.0	16.3
125	98	Metalrax	110	...	...	4.2	18.0
154	126	Metrotect	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
98	70	Metsec	98				
90	29	Midsums	85	-1	...	1.1	11.8
28	14	Mining & Ald	27	...	0.5	2.3	...
515	368	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
345	262	Morgan Cble	312	-3½	...	5.0	16.4
184	134	Morris Ashby	172	...	...	3.9	13.1
38	18	Neepsend	32	-1	1.0	4.0	42.3
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
192	122	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
181	122½	Norcros	164	...	...	5.5	23.5
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	353	...	...	...	—
81	36	Office Elec Mac	59				
43½	21	OMI Intl	43½	...	...	5.0	...
162	123	PCT	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
90	36	Pacer Systems	86	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	93	...	...	3.5	12.6
395	280	Photo-Me	321	-3	4.6	1.8	20.8
165	97½	Pilkington	150	-1½	...	3.3	...
87	68	Plansbrook	85	...	3.1	4.6	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	134	...	2.1	2.6	—
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	17	+1	...	2.9	7.8
14½	5½	Porth Gp	11½	+½			
376	306	Powerscreen	313	-2½	...	2.7	16.2
20½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	4.9	9.6
65	39½	RPS Group	52	-4	2.3	5.5	11.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	90				
186	77	Ransco Oil	175	-2	...	0.7	58.6
869	636	Rank Org	850	-18	31.0	4.6	23.3
33	15	Ransomes	16				
690	532	Reckitt Colm	650	-9	...	3.2	15.0
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	-½			
289	131	Relyon	259	...	5.0	2.4	31.1
303	208	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
119	55	Renold	119	+6	...	1.8	...
1688	1240	Reuters	1586	-41	22.1	1.7	36.2
83	24½	Rexmore	79	...	2.0	3.3	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	180	-1	...	4.0	25.5
76	58	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
98	63	Richardson West	76	+1	3.0	5.0	19.5
142	109	Ropner	124	-2	8.2	8.3	17.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	120	-2	8.2	8.6	17.0
38	16	Ross Gp	16	...	0.6	5.1	6.5
184	131½	Rotork	166	...	...	2.8	19.4
167	89	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	63	...	...	1.0	...
29½	15	SEP Indl	29½	...	...	3.2	27.0
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	987½	-37½			
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	29.4
248	205	Scapa	209	+1	...	3.4	15.9
238	192	Scholl	195	-2	...	4.0	14.2
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #				
1123	917	Securicor	1118	-2	2.6	0.3	42.5
835	362	-do- 'A'	830	-2	2.6	0.4	31.6
745	465	Security Serv	740	-2	5.1	0.9	36.6
126½	77	Senior Eng	122	...	...	3.3	20.4
361	278	Seton Health	318	...	...	2.4	18.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones	63				
166	88	Shiloh	143	...	3.0	2.6	15.4
344	281	Siddlaw	317	-2	10.5	4.2	—
574	427	Siebe	547	+2	...	2.4	30.5
383	220	Silentnight	339	-1	...	2.9	18.4
149	102	Sime Darby	149	...	...	3.6	—
142	32	Simon Eng	79	+4			
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.8	14.2
47	35	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	137	-½	...	4.3	15.2
513	380	SmithKline	399½	-2½	9.6	3.0	14.4
450	340	SmithKline U's	366 †	-8	...	3.3	12.4
436	320	Smiths Ind	427	-4	...	3.5	17.4
140	58	Sthn Bus	75	...	3.5	5.8	7.1
462	265	Spandex	462	...	...	1.8	20.5
660	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	345	-2	...	3.4	21.6
145	44	Spring Ram	49	-1½	...	0.6	18.1
230	202	Staveley	202 †	-1	...	5.3	11.4
177	126	Sterling Ind	176	...	...	4.0	22.0
187	97	Suter	164	...	9.0	6.9	17.2
487	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	458	-10	...	2.0	—
7	2½	Sycamore	2½	-½			
78	53	Sykes-Pick	54 †	...	...	7.1	10.3
153	120	Sytone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
374	279	TI	359	-3	...	3.8	24.5
32	12	TLS Range	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	320	...	...	2.6	19.7
237	201	Talbex	218	-5	...	1.0	19.0
868	618	Takeda Chem	753	-41	...	0.8	14.3
68	24	Tex Hldgs	56	-1			
109	70	Tinsley (E)	98	...	...	7.0	15.1
240	150	Tilon	230	-9	...	2.0	20.0
271	212½	Tomkins	226	-6	...	3.5	16.7
112	67	Trafalgar H	94	-1½	...	3.0	6.9
116	69	Transfer Tech	83	...	3.2	4.8	10.5
190	143	Triplex Lloyd	144	...	...	6.1	17.3
275	214	UniChem	265	...	6.4	3.0	17.4
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	31				
1249	938	Unilever	1090	-16	22.2	2.6	14.7
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7425	-99½	...	2.8	12.2
915	513	VSEL	805 †	-12	...	4.7	8.7
12½	6½	Verson	12½				
164	99½	Vickers	143	-4	...	2.0	...
367	243	Victaulic	261	-2	...	3.7	12.9
454	283	Vinten	446	-1	...	2.0	20.6
694	427	Vosper Thorny	638	-7	...	3.2	15.3
48	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	430	-5	...	5.0	19.0
98	71	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
258	201	Wassall	249	...	2.7	1.4	25.1
45	22	Warford Wdgwd	44				
384	252	Weir	266	+2	...	2.9	15.0
993	600	Wellcome	630 †	-3	17.3	3.4	—
23½	18	Wellman	20	...	0.9	3.6	32.6
358	260	West Hthcare	332	-1	...	1.4	—
510	460	Whatman	483	+1	9.7	2.5	16.4
353	234	Whessoe	228	...	...	4.4	8.9
74	27	Whitecroft	72	-½			
10½	4½	Widney	10				
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	321	-2	12.5	4.9	16.8
46½	17	Wilshaw	44½	...	...	1.5	28.0
733	533	Wolseley	725	-4	...	2.3	21.4
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	135	...	1.5	1.4	49.2
46	35	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
59	38	Young (H)	44	...	3.0	8.5	16.1

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1250	Alex & Alex	1250	-25	...	5.3	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1875	-25	...	3.9	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	59	...	2.7	5.7	28.7
183	133	Berry Brn Nbl	150	...	...	4.2	12.3
148	118	Bradstock	135	...	5.2	4.8	16.7
498	359½	Britannic	447	-2	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	586	-11	...	5.1	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1725	...	...	1.6	22.8
50	18	FAI	44	-4			
741	546	Gen Accident	648	-13	26.7	5.2	...
230	160	GRE	194	-8	7.1	4.6	16.1
412	293	Heath C E	309	...	...	5.1	...
228	155	Hogg Gp	155 †	-2	8.1	6.6	14.1
215	162	JIB Group	174	...	...	5.4	17.8
543	408½	Legal & Gen	485	-8	...	3.0	29.5
1129	768	Liberty Life	1085	-41	...	0.8	21.2
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	425	-3	17.3	5.1	15.3
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	280	...	6.7	3.0	17.4
388	274	Londn & Man	358	+3	14.7	5.1	26.4
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	414	...	13.5	4.1	14.9
6743½	5350	Marsh McLn	5437½	-12½	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	127	...	...	5.0	...
72	50½	PWS	68	...	4.0	7.4	9.9
373	282½	Prudential	331	-1	...	4.6	22.0
1138	800	Refuge	985	-20	32.2	4.1	27.3
347	248	Royal	283	-13	...	2.9	...
204	150	Sedgwick	195	+4	...	3.8	24.0
261	119	Steel Burrill	144	-2	...	10.8	...
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	67	...	6.5	12.1	6.8
400	307	Sun Alliance	358	-9	14.2	5.0	...
84	50	Trade Indemnty	84				
332	239	Transatlantic	315	...	12.0	4.8	29.2
773	499	Utd Friendly	608	-15	15.1	3.1	26.5
242	171	Willis Corroon	232	-1	...	3.6	49.5
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1784	-11	45.5	3.2	39.0
283½	226½	Amer Trust	271	-2	5.2	2.4	56.2
426	304	Ang & O'seas	411	-6	6.8	2.1	52.2
156	124	BZW Conv	142½	...	7.8	6.8	—
189½	137½	Bankers	183	-2	3.6	2.5	50.3
328	264	Baring Tribne	326	...	6.4	2.5	51.6
203	131	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
110	96½	Br Assets	104	-2½	4.2	5.2	—
83½	57½	Br Empire Sec	82½ †	...	0.9	1.4	—
30	14	-do- Wnts	27½	-½			
203	156	Br Inv	196	-1	4.6	3.0	43.7
197	130	Contl Asset	187	-3	2.4	1.6	62.2
195	143	Derby Inc	148	-1	...	12.0	8.9
290	195	-do- Cap	270	-3			
87	62	Drayton Blue	82	...	8.4	12.8	9.1
85	35	-do- Eng Ind	76 †	+1	1.0	1.6	...
135	84	-do- Far East	122	-4½	0.6	0.6	...
137	95	-do- Korea	137	...	0.5	0.5	...
688	576	Dunedin Inc G	655	-6	...	4.9	30.1
100	81	-do- Japan	81	-2			
55	37½	-do- Warrants	38	-2			
729	513	-do- Wrde	705½	-9½	9.5	1.7	72.7
292	222	Dundee & Lon	283½	...	...	4.0	26.2
308	250½	Edinburgh	294½	-5½	8.5	3.6	32.2
291	183	Electra Inv	278	-4	6.8	3.1	37.9
191	141	Electric Gen	183	-1	3.1	2.1	57.0
114	85	English Scot	112				
314	205	European Asset	313	...	...	2.3	40.7
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	127 †	-2	3.0	3.0	40.9
307	248	Fleming Amer	302½	-1½	0.8	0.4	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	213	-1	...	3.1	42.0
340	212	Do Contl	321	-3	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Emp	197	...	...	3.0	39.8
362	213	-do- F East	344	-8	1.1	0.4	...
331	246	-do- Fledg	327	...	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.7
280	136	-do- Japan	212	-7	0.4	0.3	—
291	250	-do- Merc	285	-2	6.7	2.9	61.0
307	212	-do- Oseas	292½	-6½	4.2	1.8	61.2
273	203	Foreign & Col	261	-4	...	1.7	71.1
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	109	...	0.2	0.3	...
67	44	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	221	-3	1.2	0.7	—
131	87	-do- German	121	-2	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	290	-4	...	0.9	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	165	-½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	227	-7	...	0.7	...
168	65	Genl Cons Cap	161	-5			
123½	96½	-do- Inc	108 †	-½	...	9.8	11.2
165	115	Govett Am Smlr	159				
116	94	-do- Emg Mkts	110				
343	184	-do- Oriental	330	-6	0.9	0.4	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	261 †	-4	6.7	3.2	—
408	340	Greenfriar	407	...	...	2.0	61.1
19	5	Gresham House	19				
143	124	Inv Cap	138 †	-1	...	4.6	26.5
97	77	IRS UK Smlr	93	-1	2.8	3.8	25.7
210	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	204	-2	5.0	3.1	39.7
250	176	-do- O'seas	238½	-4½	3.3	1.7	67.8
142	108	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
690	540	Law Debenture	674	-2	18.5	3.4	33.7
202	164	Majedie	195	-2	5.0	3.3	—
282½	221	Merchants	269	-2	...	5.1	25.0
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6131½	+18½			
521	383	Monks Inv Tst	509	-6	...	1.6	64.5
141	105	Morg Gren Inc	129 †	-2	4.5	4.4	—
54	23	Do Warrants	47				
60	39	Murray Euro	55	-1	0.1	0.4	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	19				
362	282	Murray Income	350	-2	10.9	3.9	33.4
361	265	-do- Intl	354	-3	11.6	4.1	31.9
421	263	-do- Small	418½	-1½	...	1.3	...
103	90	-do- S/C Inc	90	...	...	16.7	...
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	118	-2			
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	...
157	142½	-do- S/C DP	157				
315	230	-do- Vent	301	-2	...	4.5	24.5
93	68	Nwthrog Inc	91	-1	6.7	9.4	16.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	338 †	-4	3.1	1.2	—
484	285	Pacific Assets	465	-8	1.1	0.3	...
389	187	Do Warrants	367	-6			
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8225	...	190	2.9	48.6
170	100	RIT Cap Pttnr	164	-2	1.1	0.9	...
127	108	River & Merc	130	-3	9.2	9.8	11.7
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.0	...
284	214	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
160½	131	Scot American	159½	-1½	...	3.8	31.9
284	136	Scot Asian	273	-4			
785	225	do Warrants	745				
83	63½	-do- Eastern	78½	-1	1.5	2.5	51.6
231	183	Scottish	219	-3	4.6	2.6	45.4
239½	178	-do- Mtge	219½	-3½	4.0	2.3	57.0
101	71	-do- Value	99½	-1½	1.8	2.3	—
1648	1390	Second Allnce	1578	-7	...	3.1	39.7
93½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	89½	-1	3.2	4.5	29.6
163	109½	Selective Asset	157	-1	1.2	1.0	56.5
38	14	Sphere Inv	33½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
169	112	TR Far East	162 †	-5	...	3.9	30.8
154	126	TR City Of Lon	149½	-3	...	4.0	32.5
164	110	TR Pacific	176	-3	0.3	0.2	...
36½	17	TR Property	35½	-1	0.9	3.2	37.1
120	47	TR Tech Inv	104	...	1.7	2.1	38.6
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	186½	-½	...	2.5	43.1
360	283	Temple Bar	345½	-5½	13.2	4.8	26.1
111	69	Thrmtn Asian E	108	-1½	0.5	0.6	...
79	54	Throgmorton	73	-2	2.3	3.9	29.8
550	363	Thrg Dual Cp	493	-5			
242	178	USDC Invest	236	-1	4.5	2.4	43.4
114	76½	Value Inc Tst	113 †	-1	4.0	4.4	28.4
796	542	Whitbread Inv	794	+3	16.5	2.6	47.8
225	181	Witan	215	-2	5.6	3.3	37.7

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	269	Airtours	443	-4	7.7	2.2	15.7
64	42	Ald Leis	51	-1	3.0	7.4	—
435	194	Anglia TV	428	-1	...	2.7	19.8
103	63	Baldwin	88	...	4.6	6.5	11.9
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	240	+1	10.0	5.2	15.5
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
153	90	Border TV	143	+4	...	2.9	12.9
16½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	-½			
103	48	Bristol Scots	100				
9	2½	Buckingham Intl	5½				
292	72	Campari	74	...	8.7	14.8	...
231	171	Capital Radio	209	...	5.2	3.2	24.1
818	715	Carlton Comm	759	-1	17.7	2.9	22.4
228	158	Castle Comm	226 †	-6	...	4.7	15.0
2108	1615	Central TV	2086	+3	39.0	2.3	22.7
124	61	Chrysalis	103	-1			
590	470	Compass Gp	569	-2	...	2.9	17.0
350	175	Eurocamp	221	-1	9.7	5.5	9.1
1180	350	Euro Disney	402	-13	...	2.9	...
8	3	Euro Leisure	3				
38½	18	Ex-Lands	31½	...	...	1.4	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.6	...
378	232	First Leisure	234	-1	6.2	3.3	16.2
590	298	GWR Gp	588	...	...	1.7	30.2
246	149	Grampian	234	-1	6.5	3.5	16.1
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	18				
95	19	HTV Group	89	-2	...	...	39.5
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Kunick	8½				
510	405	LWT Hldgs	503	...	...	1.2	23.3
600	327	Man Utd	550	...	...	4.4	22.2
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	-2	3.9	6.2	6.3
77	33	The Pelican Gp	71	...	...	1.9	16.6
170	55	Prism Leisure	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	-1			
327	224	Radio Clyde	309	+3	...	3.4	24.2
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	197	+1	...	2.9	26.1
553	410	Scot TV	444	...	10.3	2.9	21.9
65	37	Southern Radio	51	-1	0.7	1.9	21.2
260	168	Stanley Leisure	249	...	4.3	2.2	19.6
10	5½	Sunleigh	8				
145	115	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing	2½				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	107	...	...	2.4	5.5
78	44	Trans World	64	...	...	1.6	23.3
499	274	Ulster TV	477	+1	12.0	3.1	14.6
109	62	Vardon	104	...	0.8	1.0	24.5
22	11	Wembley	17				
48	7½	Whitegate	34				
234	110	Yorkshire TV	209	-2	12.0	7.2	6.3
120	83	Zetters Gp	118	+2	8.0	8.5	13.3

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5900	1800	Am Gold	5900	+100	...	3.7	30.0
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1562½	+25	...	5.8	8.3
2550	1125	Ang Am	2550	...	...	2.7	22.3
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	29				
197	33	Blyvoors	192	+3			
46	18	Bracken	39	-½	...	...	—
871	233	Buffels	821	-2	...	7.7	7.5
2½	1	Butte	2½				
748	546	CRA	723	+1	...	2.8	24.8
43½	11	Cluff Res	35	+1			
1408½	762½	De Beers	1312½	+1	...	3.7	18.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	139	+3	...	1.4	16.0
96	7	Doornfontein	68				
913	388	Driefontein	830	-6	...	3.5	16.4
788	120	Durban	762	-1			
201	47	E Rand Gold	151	...	...	7.1	4.7
175	35	E Rand Prop	76 †	-43			
65	16	Eastern Trans	50	...	...	5.0	10.7
604	117	Elandsrand	436	+8	...	2.7	10.7
1042	292	FS Cons	1041	+6	...	4.6	13.6
80	8	FS Dev	64				
1675	725	GFSA	1550	+12	...	2.5	26.8
110	62½	Gencor	105	-1	...	8.3	—
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	50½	+½	...	2.6	20.6
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½				
187	49	Grootvlei	152	+6	...	6.6	9.5
360	78	Harmony	328	-4			
425	87	Hartles	413	+13	...	6.6	16.4
16½	8½	Inoco	15½				
1010	457	Impala Plat	848	-17	...	3.3	29.2
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½				
1092	332	Kinross	1092	+6	...	5.2	—
913	319	Kloof	707	-10	...	3.0	10.0
137	25	Leslie	117	...	...	8.9	—
295	13	Loraine	295	+3			
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	—
116½	80	MIM	97½	...	...	2.3	47.4
1322	820	Minorco	1311	+3	...	1.5	15.5
152½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	144	-2	...	1.3	23.7
2712½	612½	Orange Free	2712½	...	...	4.7	22.1
746	607	RTZ	678	+1	...	5.1	18.8
637½	425	Rand Mines	593½	...	...	7.3	—
671	150	Randfontein	593	-29	...	4.8	8.9
192	115	Renison	180	...	...	2.4	18.6
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1062½	-9½	...	3.1	—
725	191	St Helena	677	-2	...	3.5	14.5
2168	475	Southvaal	2057	-4	...	2.2	37.6
119	18	Stilfontein	83	-½	...	7.5	15.1
201	58	Unisel	158	+7	...	4.2	—
6300	1800	Vaal Reefs	6262½	-25	...	3.4	11.3
703	154	Welkom	703	+3	...	4.6	22.2
640	26	Western Areas	640	+63	...	0.7	20.5
3000	587½	Western Deep	3000	+46½	...	3.0	14.6
283	176	Wstrn Mining	253	-5	...	1.9	...
1035	323	Winkels	1033	-2	...	3.7	—
84	49	Zambia Copper	55				
68	18	Zandpan	61	-3	...	7.2	20.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	3.2	11.3
135	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	3.0	...	
153	78	Appleyard	128	-2	...	5.1	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	310	...	...	3.7	15.8
192	120	Bostrom	186	...	6.0	4.1	32.7
408	165	Br Aerospace	424	+1	7.3	2.2	...
56	19½	Burndene	51	+1	...	3.8	13.5
388	303	Caffyns	358	...	11.5	4.0	72.4
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	-½			
143	98	Central Mtr	133	...	...	3.8	33.8
32	18	Cook (DC)	28	-1	...	2.7	15.9
267	156	Cowie (T)	234	...	6.6	3.5	17.8
141	86	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Dampt Vern	148	...	...	3.4	18.7
330	155	ERF	327	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	134	-7	...	3.5	18.6
406	208	Evans Halshaw	403	-2½	11.4	3.6	62.1
290	211	FR Group	215	-1	...	4.2	10.0
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4193½	-37½			
3706½	2143½	General Mtr	3687½	-18½	...	1.4	...
75	38	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
247	85	Henlys	241	+1	3.5	1.8	...
1056	650	Honda Motor	867	-49	...	1.0	...
35	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	+2			
108	66	Jessups	96	...	4.5	6.0	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	159	-1	...	2.8	22.5
420	281	Lex Service	413	+6	...	3.4	22.6
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
181	126	Lucas	171	-4	...	5.1	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	26				
284	224½	Pendragon	251	-1	...	3.2	20.6
190	101½	Perry Gp	163	...	...	5.5	...
190	108	Quicks Group	164	-7	...	3.6	21.0
169	96½	Rolls-Royce	163	-1½	...	3.8	...
229	164	T & N	195	...	...	7.0	27.8
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	239	...	...	2.9	22.2
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	169	-1	...	3.1	23.6
253	121	Westland	223	-1	4.2	2.4	19.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	290	Blenheim Gp	342	...	...	3.4	12.7
370	275	Bristol	355	...	...	4.1	32.0
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	...	13.4	1.7	21.6
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	...	13.4	1.8	21.4
355	251	Dorling Kind	343	...	3.3	1.2	—
5637½	4337½	Elsevier	5226	-121½	...	1.8	17.7
373	322	EMAP	355	+10	...	2.9	21.7
1375	873	Euromoney Pb	1375	+25	38.0	3.5	—
264	170	Harrington K	192	-5	4.7	3.1	15.7
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	335	Hodder H'line	335	-5	5.1	1.9	28.5
140	99	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	144	-1	...	...	20.8
14	6½	Ins Cm & Data	11				
435	240	Independent	420	-5	...	3.0	22.7
580	395	Johnstne Press	520	-10	6.5	1.6	22.5
327	243	Metal Bulletn	327	+1	8.2	3.1	23.1
186	88	Mirror Gp	155	-2			
515	297	News Corp	435	-16	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	265	-3	...	0.6	16.3
586	384	Pearson	559	-10	...	2.7	30.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	612	-1	...	1.9	16.0
784	618	Reed Int	732	-13	...	3.0	31.9
165	98	Southnews	165	...	...	1.8	30.3
171	90	Sterling Pub	160	...	...	2.3	17.6
423	328	Telegraph	370	...	...	4.1	15.5
835	715	Thomson Corp	825 †	...	...	1.8	41.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	361	+5	9.0	3.1	21.6
39	27	Unit Group	27				
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	520	+7	...	5.1	14.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Arm Energy	27½	...	...	...	26.8
61	34	Arcon Intl	36				
71	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	58	-2½			
83	26	Aviva Pet	71	-1			
16	5½	Beverley	9½	...	...	...	54.7
223	145	Br Borneo	218	...	7.1	4.1	6.6
348	276	British Gas	319	-2½	14.2	5.6	15.4
362½	225	Br Petroleum	339 †	-2	8.4	3.1	26.6
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	+½			
821	675	Burmah Castrl	742	-4	...	5.6	17.3
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	-1	...	...	8.7
306	223	Calor Gp	298 †	-3	...	5.0	16.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	46	-1			
44	27	Coplex Res	34	-1			
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17	-1			
521	397	Enterprise	448	-8	19.0	5.3	24.7
88	32	Exp Co Louis	36				
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	4.7	8.2
10½	4	Fortune	4				
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	40				
181	104½	Hardy O & G	171	...	...	0.7	15.9
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...			
195	127½	LASMO	132	-1	...	3.1	26.7
103	63	-do- Units	74	...	9.4	16.0	...
24	4	Mid Scot Res	4½				
56½	34	Monument	56½				
9½	4	New London	4½				
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.1
38	27	Oil Search	36	+1			
19½	11½	Petrus	17½				
162	99	Pict Pet	162	+2			
29½	18	Premier	28½	-½	...	...	9.6
168	50	Presidio	163	...	...	4.1	...
410	290	Ranger	375	...	...	4.3	
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6887½	-37½	...	4.4	17.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4125	-71½	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	60				
727	515	Shell	681	-6	22.8	4.2	20.9
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185				
41	15	Triton Europe	16				
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14				
208	135	Woodside	199	-1	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
145	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
353	249	API	351	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
230	144	Arjo Wiggins	230	+2	...	3.5	37.2
543	408	Abbott Mead	535	...	9.5	2.2	38.1
40	13	Aegis Gp	19	-½			
212	116	Aspen Comms	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
20	7	BBB Design	18				
409	234½	Bemrose	371	...	...	4.0	16.2
30½	7½	Birkdale	8½				
155	118	Bunzl	130	+1	4.0	3.8	19.6
352	257	CIA Gp	352	...	...	1.6	22.2
230	93	Capital Inds	168	...	...	2.7	16.0
89	44	City of Lon	89	+1	...	5.4	16.4
292	169	Cropper (James)	289	...	3.1	1.3	27.8
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #				
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.6
120	94	Dolphin Pack	111	...	4.5	5.1	27.4
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	78	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	10½	Elswick	14	...	...	2.7	15.7
74	41	Fairway Group	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.3
346	271	Ferguson Intl	341	+1	...	4.6	15.4
110	92	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
162	74	Filofax	159	+1	...	1.2	20.4
20	10½	Finch	11				
130	69	Gibbon Lyons	129	...	...	4.8	14.6
295	206	Gold Greenlees	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
41	17	Goodhead	17	-2	0.5	3.7	...
88	35	Hunterprint	37				
185	130	Interurope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
278	191	Jarvis Porter	277	...	...	2.2	25.7
32	15½	Lopex	25				
38½	26	MDIT	33½	-1½			
346	175	More O'Ferrall	331	-1	13.2	5.0	39.6
133	42	NMC Group	114	-2	2.7	3.0	17.4
204	66	Osborne & Little	203	...	...	2.8	22.3
525	455	Portals	495 †	+1	...	3.7	17.1
3	½	Premier Flm	2				
286	159	Quarto	282	...	...	2.6	17.4
347	270	St Ives Gp	277	...	...	2.5	18.3
186	142½	Saatchi	178	-2			
474	292	Sappi	378	-3	...	8.6	7.2
32	11½	Serif	15½	-½			
32½	14	Shandwick	26	+½			
397	294	Smith David	336	+1	...	3.7	17.6
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	249 †	...	...	1.7	6.0
88	45	Somic	85	...	2.5	3.7	34.4
246	183	Sun-Plus	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
104	38	VTR	103	+2	...	4.7	—
106	40	WPP	90	-1	...	1.4	3.4
179	62	Wace	165	...	...	0.8	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	236	-1	...	4.4	17.4
410	270	Watmough	390	-1	...	1.9	30.6
7	4	Westport	4½				
34	12	Whinney Mck	19				
90	55	Wood (SW)	90	...	...	2.1	19.1

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	110	...	...	4.0	28.5
63	58	Arcadian	60 #				
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	9½				
135	52	Asda	126	-3	...	2.1	13.3
152	88	Avonside	131	-2	4.1	3.9	18.3
2637½	2062½	BCE	2350	+12½			
670	396	Bilton	645	-4	18.9	3.7	23.3
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
236	150	Bradford	225 †	...	5.9	3.3	22.8
23	5	Brodero	14	-1			
427	166½	Br Land	415	-1	...	2.1	37.8
248	140½	Brixton	236	-1	...	4.5	18.6
89	42	Burford	86	...	...	1.9	...
187	99	Cap & Regnl	185	...	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
593	196	Chesterfield	587	...	11.5	2.5	41.7
43	12	Cly Site Ests	28				
29	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	+2			
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Rbist GS	45				
1395	818	Daejan	1395	+5	...	2.4	17.2
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2				
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
12	4	De Morgan	7				
180	76	Dencora	178	...	3.0	2.1	...
635	263	Derwent Hldgs	608	...	8.7	1.8	75.8
45	10	Development Sec	32	-1½			
58	25	Dwyer	57				
381	170	Estates Agency	372	...	...	2.6	44.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	19½				
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	210	-1	...	2.7	18.5
35½	11	Five Oaks	32				
64	30	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	2.0	42.4
490	270½	Frogmore	472	...	...	4.2	22.8
200	97	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	44.5
233	116½	Gt Portland	212 †	-2	...	4.7	30.3
33	7½	Greycoat	31½	-1½			
192	101	HK Land	176	-4	...	3.6	25.2
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	60	-2	0.5	1.0	...
427	257½	Hammerson	410	-1	10.0	3.0	41.5
663	245	-do- 'A'	377	-2	10.0	3.3	38.1
292	127	Helical Bar	288	...	...	2.1	10.3
39	19	Hemingway	33	-½			
132	56	Herring Baker	61	...	3.7	7.7	15.3
155	133	Jermyn	133				
740	435	Land Sec	716	-9	23.1	4.1	21.2
113	73	Lon Merch Sec	110	...	4.0	4.5	17.1
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	12				
537	315½	MEPC	513	-2	...	4.9	22.1
9	5	McInerney A	7½				
145	90	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
7½	3	Markheath	3½				
74	12	Merivale Mre	63				
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #				
48	29	Moorfield Est	46				
1300	775	Mountview	1300	...	20.0	1.9	12.9
171	112	Muckiow (A&J)	171	...	...	4.5	26.6
46	30	Olives Prop	37	+1			
10½	2½	Ossory Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
172	88	PSIT	163	...	4.1	3.2	32.3
339	138	Peel	334	-1	4.0	1.5	
16	4½	Power Corp					
48	22	Property Trust	35	-1	...	...	10.0
75	40	Raglan	42				
29	11	Regalian	24				
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
78	39	Savills	76	+1½	...	1.6	30.1
112	33½	Scot Met	87 †	...	...	2.2	—
117	39	Shaftesbury	116				
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.6
272	139½	Slough Estates	256	-4	...	4.0	17.9
87	56	Southend Prop	81	...	...	3.7	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	28				
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	
137	79	Town Centre	133 †	-1	...	3.2	21.8
93	43	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.8	21.4
56	17	UK Land	31				
12	4	Union Square	8				
277	180	Warner	275	-1	10.4	4.7	25.1
219	168	Warnford	210	...	7.5	4.3	15.4
8	2	Waterglade	[illegible]				
95	34	Wates	80	-1			
76	40	Wood John De	65				

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic	26				
183	84	Headlam	175	...	...	2.1	39.5
500	315	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	8.7
100	44	Pittards	50	-2	1.5	3.8	14.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
218	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	62	...	...	5.2	2.0

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	488	...	12.7	3.3	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	—
41	21	Bolton Gp	31	-2			
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
53	15	Charnwell	40				
364	298	Claremont Ga	324	-3	7.5	2.9	20.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	555	-7	13.9	3.1	15.2
53½	24½	Cupid	28				
248½	182	Dawson	189½	...	...	6.1	14.0
47	22	Drummond	40				
84	65	Faupel	63	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19				
133	82	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	217	...	...	2.3	16.8
90	45	Jerome (S)	64	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	405	-5	12.0	3.7	26.8
515	353½	Leeds	498	...	...	1.9	24.0
64	15	Lister	59	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	87	...	...	4.7	...
215	89	Magellan	215	...	1.4	0.8	...
234	69	Parkland 'A'	211	...	3.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	98	...	...	4.4	18.5
66	35	SEET	54				
147	72	Sirdar	132	+1	...	5.1	9.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	72	...	1.8	3.2	17.6
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	283	...	11.5	5.1	24.4
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	2.5	8.7	—
232	126	Yorklyde	230	...	...	2.9	15.1

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521½	407	BAT	494	-2	...	4.9	14.8

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
517	349	Assoc Br Ports	482	-5	...	2.3	...
941	707	BAA	926	+3	...	2.2	23.0
411	249	Br Airways	409	...	...	3.3	18.2
110	56	Clarkson (H)	103	+5	1.7	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	433	-13			
82	44	Fisher (James)	78	...	0.5	0.8	20.9
211	147	IoM Steam	208	...	...	5.0	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	34	...	0.5	1.8	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	102	...	...	1.3	18.7
445	364	Mersey Docks	430	...	...	2.7	28.6
271	181	Natl Express	260	...	...	3.4	26.9
284	230	NFC	239	-3	6.5	3.4	18.2
343	244	Ocean Group	322	-4	...	5.6	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	71	...	4.0	7.0	12.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	560	+4	...	6.8	30.4
194	122	P & O 5 1/2%	188	+2	...	3.7	...
621	448	Powell Duffryn	599	+3	...	4.7	23.2
225	117	Seacon	212	-1	...	3.2	13.3
163	112	Stagecoach	141	...	...	3.4	—
81½	31½	TNT	76½	-1			
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	743	-2	12.6	2.1	28.5
382	37	Tiphook	65	+2			
298	227	TDG	270	-2	...	4.4	8.9

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
565	455	Anglian Water	527	...	...	5.2	10.4
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
702	547	Northumbrian	663 †	-1	...	4.4	6.8
567	431½	North West	527	-12	...	5.1	9.4
578	439	Severn Trent	543	+2	...	4.9	8.7
617	454	Sthrn Water	575	+3	...	4.6	9.6
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1530	+5	47.0	3.8	10.9
622	465	South West	566	-4	...	5.2	9.3
584	454	Thames Water	520 †	-5	...	5.2	10.2
681	506	Welsh Water	638	-3	...	4.6	8.4
693	536	Wessex Water	629	-6	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	547	-6	...	4.9	9.3

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ↑ Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; † Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102 [illegible]	100 [illegible]	Treas 8½% 1994	100 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.45	5.46
109 [illegible]	102 [illegible]	Treas 14½% 1994	102 [illegible]	- [illegible]	14.14	5.23
109 [illegible]	103 [illegible]	Exch 13½% 1994	103 [illegible]	- [illegible]	13.05	5.22
105 [illegible]	102 [illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	102 [illegible] †	..	9.75	5.25
110 [illegible]	105 [illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	105 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.88	5.24
105 [illegible]	103 [illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	103 [illegible]	..	8.69	5.24
111 [illegible]	107 [illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	107 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.16	5.29
97 [illegible]	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 [illegible]	...	3.08	4.91
109 [illegible]	107 [illegible]	Exch 10½% 1995	107 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.52	5.37
116 [illegible]	113 [illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	113 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.22	5.41
120 [illegible]	117 [illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	117 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.96	5.52
125 [illegible]	121 [illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	121 [illegible]	- [illegible]	12.52	5.60
120 [illegible]	115 [illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	117 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.28	5.63
112 [illegible]	108 [illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	111 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.97	5.75
122 [illegible]	118 [illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	120 [illegible]	- [illegible]	10.96	5.90
114 [illegible]	110 [illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	113 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.26	5.91
109 [illegible]	105 [illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	109 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.00	5.94
132 [illegible]	127 [illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	130 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.49	6.12
113 [illegible]	109 [illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	112 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.63	6.16
104 [illegible]	99 [illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	104 [illegible]	- [illegible]	6.93	6.06
104 [illegible]	101 [illegible]	Treas 7¼% B 1995	104 [illegible]	- [illegible]	6.94	6.07
101 [illegible]	97 [illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.63	5.47
129 [illegible]	125 [illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	129 [illegible]	- [illegible]	10.82	6.38

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138 [illegible]	133 [illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	138 [illegible]	- [illegible]	11.22	6.27
124 [illegible]	118 [illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	123 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.70	6.40
114 [illegible]	108 [illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	113 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.36	6.35
126 [illegible]	120 [illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	125 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.74	6.49
119 [illegible]	112 [illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.84	6.40
119 [illegible]	112 [illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.64	6.47
113 [illegible]	106	Conv 9% 2000	113 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.96	6.46
133 [illegible]	125 [illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	133 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.75	6.71
119 [illegible]	109 [illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.43	6.72
119 [illegible]	108 [illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	119	- [illegible]	8.19	6.84
109 [illegible]	97 [illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	108 [illegible] †	- [illegible]	7.36	6.75
122 [illegible]	109 [illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	122 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.19	6.87
126 [illegible]	116 [illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	125 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.14	6.94
81 [illegible]	67 [illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80 [illegible]	- [illegible]	4.34	6.01
120 [illegible]	105 [illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	119 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.95	6.93
120 [illegible]	106 [illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	119 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.94	6.97
138 [illegible]	124 [illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	137 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.06	7.14
107 [illegible]	94 [illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	107 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.47	6.92
131 [illegible]	118 [illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130 [illegible]	- [illegible]	8.98	7.10
113 [illegible]	97 [illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	112 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.56	7.06
146 [illegible]	131 [illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145 [illegible]	- [illegible]	9.26	7.16

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
118 [illegible]	101 [illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	117 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.66	7.09
109 [illegible]	92 [illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	108 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.38	7.12
119 [illegible]	100 [illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.59	7.14
120 [illegible]	100 [illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	119 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.56	7.13
88 [illegible]	70 [illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87 [illegible]	- [illegible]	6.32	6.73
108 [illegible]	89 [illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.23	7.06
110 [illegible]	93 [illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	109 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.32	7.12
150 [illegible]	125 [illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	149 †	-1 [illegible]	8.05	7.31
119 [illegible]	97 [illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	118 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.38	7.12

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
49 [illegible]	38 [illegible]	War Ln 3½%	49 [illegible] †	- [illegible]	7.09	...
34 [illegible]	27 [illegible]	Treas 2½%	34 [illegible]	- [illegible]	7.25	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136 [illegible]	131 [illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1994	136 [illegible]	+ [illegible]	...	...
203 [illegible]	194 [illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	202 [illegible]	- [illegible]	1.06	2.03
112 [illegible]	105 [illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112 [illegible]	- [illegible]	1.45	2.13
173 [illegible]	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.43	2.81
169 [illegible]	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	168 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.62	2.93
115 [illegible]	105 [illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.68	2.98
180 [illegible]	159 [illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	178 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.69	2.93
164 [illegible]	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.86	3.07
170 [illegible]	148 [illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.92	3.11
141 [illegible]	122 [illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140 [illegible]	- [illegible]	2.96	3.13
151 [illegible]	130 [illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.00	3.17
147	126 [illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.06	3.20
123 [illegible]	102 [illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.06	3.19
123 [illegible]	103 [illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	121 [illegible]	- [illegible]	3.08	3.21

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Smaller firms 'drive economic recovery'

BY DEREK HARRIS

THE Small Business Bureau, the Conservative pressure group on small business affairs with formal links to the party's central office, has submitted a plan to the government which, it believes, could help the financing of modestly sized businesses. Called *The Road to Recovery*, it has been produced by a working party of manufacturers and bankers and is aimed at restoring the strength of manufacturing.

A key objective has been to influence the Chancellor in the run-up to the Budget. The group has joined the call for the outgoing Business Expansion Scheme to be replaced by one designed to help unquoted manufacturers. It also suggests that the bank loan guarantee scheme should be more clearly focused on business size, so that loans of as much as £250,000 might be covered.

To encourage investors, shares in growing businesses should be free of capital gains tax if they have been held between five and eight years, the group argues. The long-hold stipulation would deter speculators, it believes.

The plan contains a plea for the establishment of a long-term credit institution, on similar lines to a successful German scheme. The aim would be to raise £2 billion in the eurobond market with the government as guarantor, thus creating the means for smaller businesses to secure fixed-rate loans over about seven years. There are two claims that might influence the government: the Small Business Bureau argues that tapping the eurobond market would reduce the public sector borrowing requirement and could create between 50,000 and 100,000 jobs over five years.

Longer-term, the plan calls for floating charges by banks on company assets to be abolished. It also wants to see a system of accreditation for directors of limited companies, to reassure prospective lenders.

Barry Baldwin, head of the group's policy unit, said: "Ambitious and proud owners of unquoted companies will drive the economy forward."



"If they put VAT on letting off steam, I'll be bankrupt!"

Guitars of international note

BY IOLA SMITH

HUW EVANS



Tony Revell at work in the guitar-making business that sells to Japan and aims to enter the US market

INNOVATION is the key to Tony Revell's success as a guitar-maker. Mr Revell has developed a simpler cutaway guitar design that allows easier access to the bass section of the fingerboard, and orders are coming to him at Newtown, Powys, from players and collecters in Japan and Europe.

The design, being patented, is the result of long dedication to instrument-making by Mr Revell, who, after making lutes in the Lake District, turned to guitars, for which there was more demand, and mandolins. In 1987, he moved to Wales and developed his design, at the same time making conventional guitars.

In spring 1992 Peter Howlett, a blues singer from Telford, took his guitar to Mr Revell for repair. Mr Howlett was formerly a craft design technology teacher and a cabinet maker. From this, earlier this year, sprang a partnership between the two in guitar-making.

The self-financed pair refined the cutaway guitar — the Venetian — and developed a smaller instrument, the Ragtime, based on a traditional 1920s blues guitar.

"Steel-stringed acoustic guitars are popular in the United States, and we thought that we would find a market there," Mr Howlett said.

Much to their surprise, initial interest came from Japan. The pair had thought that the Japanese would be interested only in the cutaway design, but Shiro Arai, the guitar-playing president of a trading company, offered to buy as many instruments as the pair could produce. To date, he has bought 30 of the acoustic instruments. A sales trip to The Netherlands brought orders for 12 instruments.

The partners and a part-time finisher make by hand two and a half instruments a week. Mr Howlett said: "Everything is made of wood, and all our timbers come from sustainable forests. We use mahogany, cedar, spruce and ebony."

The two hope that a scholarship will fund a visit to Brazil to study the sound quality of imbuya timber. Seeking excellence in sound quality and appearance, they aim at the top of the acoustic guitar market, with prices up to £1,400.

If they enter the American market, they will move into new premises in Newtown and take on a third instrument maker so that guitars for the US are produced in a climate-controlled environment matching the air-conditioned rooms with relatively low humidity in which the instruments are likely to be played in America.

They plan to speed up production. "We've come up with a method of bending a guitar's side that only takes half an hour, instead of the conventional one to two hours," Mr Howlett said.

They feel that more grant aid should be offered to small businesses to do research and development.

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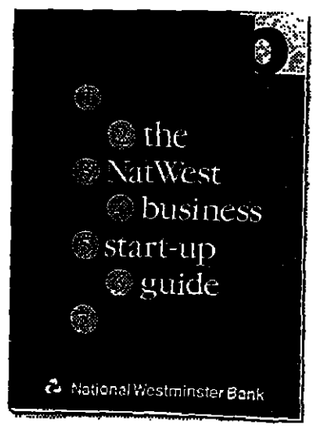
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Paintpots flung in the face of apathy

On Turner Prize day, **Richard Cork** attacks Britain's perenially begrudging attitude to the avant-garde

When Lord Palumbo announces the Turner Prize winner at the Tate Gallery tonight, plenty of commentators will be ready to deride the jury's choice. Knocking modern art, as hard and frequently as possible, is fast becoming a national media pastime. Newspaper headlines deplore each new supposed outrage, vying with one another to shout the most virulent abuse and dismiss the activity as a preposterous hoax.

Focusing on what artists do, they never bother to ask themselves why. It is enough to wax apoplectic over an unpredictable choice of material. This month, the rice in Vong Phaophanit's installation at the Turner Prize exhibition is the latest focus for those bent on proving that contemporary art suffers from terminal cynicism or idiocy. Many of those who delight in reviling him probably have not even gone to Millbank and seen the work, let alone pondered the multiple meaning it conveys. Media hostility towards anything out of the ordinary decrees that the offending art must simply be condemned, with the maximum amount of speed and indignation.

Such tactics would not matter very much if popular newspapers ever deigned to write about contemporary art in other, less rabid ways. But they never do. Modern art is only mentioned in some newspapers when a particular work is treated as an Aunt Sally, fit for brickbats and nothing else. So who can blame the readers if they conclude that galleries are riddled with fraudulent exhibits, fodder merely for those foolish enough to be duped by hollow pretensions?

It is a shame, because anyone who takes the trouble to visit the Tate might well end up with a very different view. Last week, I gave a lunchtime talk about the Turner shortlist in front of the exhibits themselves. A substantial number of people turned up, and they listened with great attentiveness. Far from sensing antipathy and scorn, I was conscious of their desire to look, learn and assess the work. Their openness was enormously refreshing. I came away heartened by the realisation that an unprejudiced attitude to modern art does exist, waiting for the opportunity to discover more about work that often seems bewildering at first glance.

All the same, my optimism was tempered by an awareness that the odds are heaped heavily against the hope of fostering such a positive involvement. As the new millennium approaches, Britain seems increasingly determined to lapse into a nostalgia fit for devotees of a heritage culture alone. While our appetite for the hallowed past swells to addictive proportions, our response to the new is invariably begrudging. We mistrust the unfamiliar, preferring instead to reserve our enthusiasm for art already sanctified by time. It is as if the crisis afflicting Britain's post imperial identity has made us seek reassurance in history, and shun contact with the disconcerting products of our own age. We often feel instinctively uneasy about work that does not provide the consoling toeholds offered by older art. Perhaps this uncertainty reminds us too much of our plight as a nation, forever looking back at an era of far greater confidence, rather than coming to terms with the challenges of today.

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No good will come of ruminating exclusively on Britain's vanished past, and we should rid ourselves of this disabling tendency to evade the present. The greatest art produced during the 20th century has often been profoundly disconcerting at its inception, but its ability to offend was a sign of strength. Take Picasso's prodigious early masterpiece *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon* (1907), a painting so rebarbative that many of his admirers were alienated by its impact.

Launching a headlong attack on the western tradition of figure painting, Picasso envenomed his cluster of harshly simplified female nudes with the brusque, severe distortions he admired in Iberian, African and Oceanic art. The outcome was widely regarded as crude and repellent. Even Shchukine, the Russian collector who amassed an outstanding array of avant-garde paintings, saw the canvas in Picasso's studio and blurted out an inconsolable verdict: "What a loss to French art!"

Later on, he and other supporters of experimental work grasped the implications of *Les Demoiselles*, and realised that it opened up a wealth of fresh expressive possibilities. The picture itself, an unfinished battleground where rival ways of revolutionising the human image struggled for supremacy, remained rolled up and unseen in the perpetrator's studio. Only when acquired by the Museum of Modern Art in New York more than 20 years after Picasso had first shown this pictorial crime to his dismayed friends, did *Les Demoiselles* assume its rightful position as a touchstone for the spirit of audacious, questioning vitality in modern art as a whole.

Plenty of people, especially in this hidebound country, continued to dismiss Picasso's achievements. After the second world war, the immensely successful horse-painter Sir Alfred Munnings used his eminence as president of the Royal Academy to denounce both Picasso and Matisse. His intemperate and vigorously applauded comments at the RA banquet were similar to the vilification aimed at contemporary artists. Munnings declared that his targets were irredeemable charlatans. Their work was dismisssed out of hand, simply because it did not conform to Munnings's blinkered notions about what a work of art should be.

Even today, nearly 90 years after *Les Demoiselles* was executed, diehard opponents of the innovative impulse in 20th-century art decry the painting's central importance. They argue that the adventurousness which fired Picasso throughout his career was misconceived, opening the gateway to a succession of increasingly ugly, nihilistic gestures that mock tradition and debase the very word "artist" at every turn.

The truth is, though, that the makers of the finest and most nourishing art have never been content to rest on the examples set by their forerunners. However closely they may study the past — and Picasso's scrutiny of art history was second to none — they are determined to contest the solutions arrived at by their predecessors. In his day, Michelangelo was no more ready to reiterate his seniors' work than Picasso. Every great artist has developed a singular vision by departing, often with outright defiance, from the norm. Western art since the Renaissance has never stood still, and during the present century this fundamental dynamic quickened to an unprecedented degree.

The upheaval undergone by modern art is an authentic reflection of larger forces, which have themselves overthrown so many assumptions taken for granted in the previous century. If artists had ignored the seismic changes of our own era, the work they produced would soon have ossified. We cannot expect the vital art of today to offer stale panaceas, when the world itself is plagued by so much turbulence and doubt. I expect the best work to stimulate and catch me off-balance, not act as a sedative. If artists want to deploy rice rather than pigment, or dispense with bronze in order to spray a reinforced concrete lining inside the empty wall of an East End house, then their right to experiment should be respected.

An unconventional material is no guarantee of a powerful outcome, of course. It all depends on the intensity of the artist's imagination, and critics must always be prepared to distinguish between the potent and the meretricious. Sometimes, a painter as penetrating as Lucian Freud can renew the language of art by adhering to brush, canvas and the figurative image. But if a new way of working can produce a sculpture as haunting as Rachel Whiteread's *House*, then its departure from precedent is entirely justified. By making emptiness take on an eerie solidity, by transforming a home into a sepulchre and finding expressive form for her preoccupation with the irrecoverable past, Whiteread has produced an austere yet melancholy monument which touches all our lives.

We may not, initially, realise that *House* is a sculpture or feel willing to regard it as a work of art. But if we are prepared to shed our preconceptions, and acknowledge that the modern artist should be allowed to explore new ways of making, then this *memento mori* may well move us with its brave, gaunt and oddly resilient insistence on the finality of human loss.



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When Picasso painted *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon*, even his friends were dismayed: 20 years later its greatness was acknowledged

New look for LCDT

Richard Alston is to be overall head of a smaller company

After months of uncertainty, the intended transformation of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, with its associated school and the Place Theatre, became clear yesterday. Richard Alston has been appointed artistic director of all the organisation's activities, which will operate under the new title of the National Centre of Contemporary Dance, starting next April.

The large-scale performing company (opening a season at Sadler's Wells tonight) will continue at least until the end of March. Subject to renewed funding, it will then tour Britain and perhaps give some further London performances between April and July.

But after next September it will be replaced by the Place Company, a new group, about half the present size, and engaged for only nine months each year.

This move is enforced by economic circumstances and a change in the preferences of choreographers and potential directors, who are no longer willing to work for a repertory company. Making a virtue of a necessity, Contemporary Dance Trust aims to put its facilities, resources and experience at the disposal of other independent companies as well.

John Ashford will remain as director of the Place, responsible for its programming, but Alston will co-ordinate all the organisation's artistic activities. Three dancers from the new small company, chosen because they are also choreographers or teachers, will assist him as artistic associates.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE: Horror in old Norfolk; ancient Greek parody

Tragedy and comedy of history in the remaking



Sorcha Cusack gives a fine performance as the prophetess Wilse in Rod Wooden's *Smoke*

Smoke
Royal Exchange, Manchester

Smoke rises from a camp in the woods, but these are not New Age travellers gathered around the brushwood fire. They are peasants from rural Norfolk, forced off the common land to make way for sheepruns, and assembled on a hill outside Norwich. The year is 1549 and Kett's Rebellion has begun.

Your Home in the West, Rod Wooden's first play, was rooted in the contemporary world of a dull and ugly housing estate. His festering characters there were suffering the effects of social deprivation. In *Smoke* the peasants are experiencing it for the first time, almost as if they are the start of a terrible chain of rural misery that will go on for four centuries.

Wooden approaches his theme from an interestingly oblique direction. We do eventually see Kett, hooded and disguised as Henry V was before Agincourt, and similarly visiting his troops on the night preceding their last stand. But the author is more interested in the miscellany of the dispossessed at the bottom of the heap, raiding big houses, disputing or (a cliché this) falling in love.

Different voices take up the role of narrator, giving us fragments of historical fact, but only fragments: chiefly, what they express is feelings — outrage, grief, desperate hunger — and these generate a persuasive sense of being in the middle of things. Here is the crucible where ingredients ran together and were fused.

The downside of this is a feeling that we are not getting the whole story, even though Braham Murray's direction of his cast of 12, playing 22 characters, brings a strong sense of role-identification.

Told little of their individual circumstances, we must assemble it from the scraps of their aims and reflections, which the cast project as though vitally sensible of their untold, individual pasts.

Wooden gives them a poetic speech, rich in metaphors drawn from the natural world — at times too rich, as if the language of *The Lady's Not For Burning* was how medieval people truly did talk and these country folk are its inheritors. To say, of cats, that "their miaows rose like seaspray" risks placing the speaker in a golden never-never-land of verbal marvels.

A further, unexpected influence is the structure of soaps like *Coronation Street* and *Brookside* where two characters confront each other and speak from the heart at the tops of their voices. Scenes often end on a punchline and exit, with the one left behind looking thoughtfully into the middle distance.

In this oddly told, involving play, notable performances are given by Sorcha Cusack's prophetess, vainly arguing for a spiritual freedom, Rade Serbedzija as an unillusioned actor and David Fishley as Jig, his nimble, sorrowful boy. Strong playing too from Rhys Ifans and Steven Hartley, rivals for Beaux Bryant's hand, and from Margaret Robertson who speaks the haunting, closing lines, after the hangings and the burnings, when silence falls: "We became that silence, as smoke becomes air."

JEREMY KINGSTON

The Mayflies
Attic, SW19

EVERYBODY has noticed the number of ancient Greek plays to hit our stages of late — hasn't *Lysistrata* just left the West End and *Medea* just arrived there? So maybe it is time for a gentle snook to be cocked at all this well-meant revivalism. That is exactly what Working Theatre provides in downtown Wimbledon, beginning with a programme note that solemnly thanks the usual helpful odds and bods, ending with "Hesiod, Euripides, Sophocles and Claudia McNulty".

What McNulty has done, I cannot say; and the influence of her companions is not obvious in the play's first half. It is a sycophantically smirking Homer, not Hesiod, who comes onstage to "give praise to the immortal gods who control our fate". By that, he mainly means Zeus, in Joanne McInnes's performance a silver-wigged monster who is seen zapping humanity with floods and powing Kate Terence's Prometheus, who struts about in padded nylon, quarterback-style.

But that is only a foretaste of Zeus's conduct in the second half, in which he whimsically decides that the population of the city of Maeflos must be born, breed and die in the span of a day, like maybugs. This has a depressing impact on the princess Hermione and the chorus, which consists of two women in enormous masks with bloated white cheeks and lips set in a scarlet O. Terence's hilariously lachrymose Hermione (plenty of doubling here) even delivers a valediction to her tootsies: "Oh my dear feet, farewell loyal servants."

By now spoof Euripides and Sophocles are in full flow. The chorus comes up with the usual banalities — "A trouble shared is a trouble halved" — and the usual tributes to obscure nymphs and abstruse mountains. Hermione and others contribute some 5th-century fatalism: "If I've learnt one thing, it is that it is better not to know our fate, ignorance is bliss." A mad, warmongering tyrant intervenes in the form of Julian Protheroe's Hector. So do those interminable enemies, Aphrodite and Artemis, as well as a messenger, who duly reports ("Oh agony") mega-death in Maeflos.

Tony Harrison would have rhymed more wittily; but Philip Ives and Richard Osborne, the co-writers, provide a catharsis I had been only half-aware I needed. They left me purged of something that had been insidiously growing in recent months, a tendency to take the Greeks too seriously.

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A death in Dallas

The Kennedy assassination changed lives. Take mine. I was being given a shorthand lesson at the home of a sub-editor on the local paper for which I filed photographs. The television set, sound turned down, suddenly erupted with news of the shooting. "Never mind that," said the sub, switching off the set. "We've got more important things to do."

There being no contest between a piece of history and a page of Pitman's I fled the house and never returned. I gave up learning shorthand, fearing there might be some correlation between Pitman proficiency and a total absence of news sense. There were other routes to Fleet Street.

So that is where I was, and that is what it did for me. **Where Were You?** (ITV) unashamedly took a hackneyed idea and made a decent programme out of it. At times it was riveting, at others it was prone to rambling down byways (the Profumo affair), but all through it served as a reminder of what John Kennedy meant to people.

Most of the stories were not so much about what people were doing when they heard the news, but what they did afterwards. There were lots of media folk and of course they all recall rushing back to the office or the studio.

Not all of them made it on to the screen or into print. George Gale of the *Daily Express*, a fine old Fleet Street hand who shared the superstition about allowing blood in the alcohol stream, managed the short journey from El Vino to the *Express* office but for once had difficulty, er, collecting his thoughts.

George Brown, then deputy leader of the Labour Party, was hauled out of a function to perform for ITV, spent too long in hospitality, and finished up on screen behaving with less than the required decorum. Milton Shulman, the theatre critic who was then working in television, said that this one performance may have cost Brown the leadership of the party.

If so, he was merely in the wrong place at the wrong time. Kennedy was shot on a Friday evening London time, when politicians and political journalists alike tend to be taking on fuel for the weekend.

Elsewhere in television, weird things happened. When the news came through, BBC TV announced it and then went off the air. At ITV, they were running the weekly pop programme *Ready, Steady, Go!* Gerry Marsden, of Gerry and the Pacemakers, was about to perform "You'll Never Walk Alone". "But Kennedy's been shot," Marsden said. "Yes I know," came the reply. "Get on and sing."

Higher authorities were debating whether to take ITV off the air when the BBC, seeing that ITV was still broadcasting, decided to resume normal transmission. Therefore Kennedy's death was marked by half an hour of Harry Worth.

The best story of the night came from an ordinary mortal, a teacher. Deryk Wakem was in charge of his school's Combined Cadet Force. Needing to get away early, to set up a school film for the next day, he gave the keys of the armoury to a boy called Kennedy. Some time later another boy appeared at the entrance to the hall where Wakem was threading the film, shouted "Sir, sir! Kennedy's been shot" and ran off.

In the next moments Wakem's career felt as if it was melting in his hand. The school matron soon made him one of the few people on the planet to feel a brief euphoria: it was the other Kennedy.

PETER BARNARD

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

HAMMETT'S APPRENTICE: Opening night for Kevin Hood's new play: an exploration of a family's relationship with its past, using the historical figure of Tolpuddle Martyr James Hammett
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Sviatoslav Richter, piano, performs with Christoph Eschenbach in an all-Bach *programme this evening:* Piano Concerto No 3 in D, Piano Concerto No 7 in G minor; Suite No 3 in D, and Concerto No 2 in C for two pianos.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The company's annual Sadler's Wells season boasts one of its strongest lineups in many a year. Tonight, Aletta Collins's quirky *Shoes*; Christopher Bruce's popular and playful *Rooster*, a sexual satire set to the songs of the Rolling Stones; and the world premiere of *Sand Skin* by the French choreographer Angelin Preljocaj. There is a feast of new work featured during the next two weeks.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Dec 4, 7.30pm 🅂

TISSOT PRINTS: A fascinating show of the artist's etchings and dry points, most of them made during his period of residence in England, 1871-82. They represent in many ways the height of his achievement, transporting the viewer into Victorian high society as well as revealing much of Tissot's private life with his sick mistress. This is the only British showing on the Gottlieb Collection's world tour.
Christopher Wood Gallery, New Bond Street, W1 (071-499-7411). Opens today, 9.30am-5.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm; Sat 11am-4pm. Until December 23

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Performances to take the chill off an early winter are available for five days from **Welsh National Opera**. They present Peter Stein's magnificent production of *Falstaff*, *Verdi's last masterpiece; Lucia di Lammermoor*, Donizetti's jewel of bel canto tragedy and the great dramatic moments of Massenet's *Cinderella*.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486). *Cinderella*, tonight and Sat. *Falstaff*, Wed and Fri and *Lucia*, Thurs. All performances, 7.15pm. 🅂

DARLINGTON: David Thacker's captivating Stratford production of **Two Gentlemen of Verona** with music from the Gershwin era continues its tour before returning to London for the Christmas season. Catch it if you can.
Civic Theatre, Parkgate (0325-486555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

LEICESTER: The whirligig of love and melody gets going with Paul Kerryson's Christmas production of **Carousel**. Next month, **Cinderella** will play daily in the same theatre: backstage will feel like a roundabout.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri, 7.30pm; Wed and Sat, 8pm. *From Dec 8*, mats Wed and Sat 4.30pm. 🅂

NOTTINGHAM: A coup for the Playhouse: Robert Lepage's mixed-media production of Shakespeare's tragedy, here named **Coriolan** because it is performed in French with English subtitles. One week only.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0602 419419). Tonight and nightly, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◩ **THE BFG:** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his now annual seasonal call on London.
Albery, *St Martin's Lane, WC2* (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm; Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

◩ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; *mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.* 🅂

☐ **ERASMUS MONTANUS.** Stimulating comedy about a young pedant meeting his come-uppance back home, by 'the Scandinavian Molière' Ludvig Holberg, he of Grieg's famous Suite. Julian Forsyth directs and translated the excellent production.
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of *Orange, 189 Greenwich High Rd, SE10* (081-858 2862). Tue-Sun, 8pm. Until November 28

☐ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat *8.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.*

◩ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the Seventies in a compilation musical from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-434 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 5pm and 8pm. 🅂

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. 🅂

☐ **JAMAIS VU.** Direct from the National Theatre, the latest of Ken Campbell's amazing one-man entertainments. Plus Saturday performances of his two earlier shows.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Tue-Sat, 8pm (Furtive Nudist Sat 1pm; Pigspurt Sat 4.30pm). Last week of performances.

☐ **THE L.A. PLAYS:** Han Ong's bleak impression of Los Angeles; minimalist writing but cumulatively powerful.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Last week of performances. 🅂

☐ ***LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS*** **ONION:** John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 8pm and 9pm.

◩ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and *punishment at an American university.* Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 🅂

◩ **ONE MAN:** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three *solo pieces: Poe's Telltale Heart; Actor*, and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES:** Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

☐ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes, David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

☐ **THREE JAPANESE WOMEN:** From the award-winning Mu-Lan Company: inside an Hiroshima brothel in 1951. With David Yip, Jacqui Chan.
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Till November 27.

☐ **VITA AND VIRGINIA:** Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats *Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.*

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ◩ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) . . . ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: *Her Majesty's* (071-494 5400) . . . ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams's Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915683)

◆ **THE CONCIERGE** (PG): Trials and tribulations of an ambitious concierge in a New York hotel. Outdated vehicle for the ebullient Michael J. Fox. With Gabrielle Anwar; director, Barry Sonnenfeld
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast. Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson.
MGMs: Baker Street *(071-935 9772)* **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **POSSE** (15): Outlaw blacks ride the prairie. Just an urban ghetto drama in Western clothes. Mario Van Peebles stars and directs.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

◆ **SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER** (12): Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

THE STOLEN CHILDREN (15). Policeman escorts prostitute's children to Sicilian orphanage. Perceptive human drama from Gianni Amelio.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

THE STRANGER (U): Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ **DAVE** (15): The US President's *lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic* fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ ***DEMOLITION MAN*** *(15): Sylvester* Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Overblown action romp with satirical touches. Director, Marco Brambilla.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** 🅂 (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY** (15): Inventive, action-packed biography of the martial arts legend, played by Jason Scott Lee (no relation). Rob Cohen directs.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999)

MR WONDERFUL (12): Electrical worker Matt Dillon tries to find his ex-wife a new man. Disarming candyfloss from director Anthony Minghella.
MGMs: Fulham Road 🅂 (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (PG): Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Odeon Mezzanine** 🅂 (0426 915683) **Plaza** (071-497 9999)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
Gate 🅂 (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** 🅂 (071-435 3366) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. *Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly* account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Smart but indulgent romantic comedy starring Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks from writer-director Nora Ephron.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

ROCK: The flamboyant one bounces back; and the gifted Kenny Thomas fulfils his promise

He never can say goodbye

Terence Trent D'Arby
Brixton Academy

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Terence Trent D'Arby: more disciplined, but he has not lost his celebrated streak of rampant exhibitionism

ALTHOUGH a prodigiously talented performer, Terence Trent D'Arby's progress has been hampered principally by his own indiscipline. His celebrated lack of a self-edit facility may have generated some entertaining interviews in the press, but it was also responsible for the rambling incoherence of his 1989 album, *Neither Fish Nor Flesh*, a flop of such spectacular proportions that it was feared his career might never recover.

This was his first London show since then. While he has clawed back some of the lost ground with his third album, *Symphony Or Damn*, released earlier this year, the immediate competition has not exactly relaxed its grip during his absence. Indeed, since 1989 Seal has swept the British charts, Lenny Kravitz has become a major international star and Prince has released six albums.

So it was firstly a relief, and ultimately a pleasure, to find D'Arby, now aged 31, pouring his flamboyant energies into a fast-moving, tightly-scripted show and above all sticking to the job in hand. His versatile five-piece band, all of them first-rate players and singers, were as carefully focused as their leader, and for the first 20 minutes or so a succession of numbers — including "Wishing Well", "Do You Love Me Like You Say?" and "Who's Loving You" — were seamlessly dovetailed together to produce the kind of high-rolling, revue-type show that has won Prince so many plaudits in the past.

That is not to say that D'Arby has lost the streak of rampant exhibitionism which led him to pose naked for a notorious magazine cover-spread earlier this year. A frilly white shirt was discarded early on to reveal a pair of perfectly-formed pecs and a slender waist tapering down to pipe-cleaner legs encased in lacy, white flares.

His quick, skittish dance steps incorporated athletic high kicks and the occasional drop to do the splits, James Brown style, but it was noticeable that he reserved his biggest effort for the beginning and end of the performance and didn't strain too hard during the bulk of the set.

Concentrating instead on his singing, he stretched his sensual, smoky voice with beguiling effect around material ranging from the infectious block-chord riffing of "Wet Your Lips" to the heart-tugging ballad "Let Her Down Easy" which he sang, seated at a piano, as a first "encore".

Unfortunately, the strange mixture of arrogance and insecurity that fuels his muse wouldn't let him leave it at that. An intolerably indulgent sequence of further "encores" ensued.

There was a long monologue about songs that are "epiphanies", embodying more meaning than even their writers can understand. The particular example he had in mind was the Stones' "Jumping Jack Flash", a great number certainly, but played here at inordinate length.

Two hours after the start of a show that had been, for the most part, tremendous, he launched into yet another reverie — this time about the deeper meaning of music. The increasingly listless crowd yelled at him to get on with it, and the exit lights winked invitingly.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Good-natured party fun

Kenny Thomas
Forum NW5

THIS 25-year-old north Londoner has achieved success by stealth. Building up his career the hard way via an endless procession of club appearances *and record industry meet 'n' greets*, he has established an enviable following among younger pop-dance fans — his 1991 debut album, *Voices*, sold in excess of 600,000 — while remaining a mystery to the wider record-buying public.

That is everybody's loss, for its recent successor *Wait For Me* has confirmed Thomas as a wonderfully gifted singer, whose skill and confidence is growing by leaps and bounds. Were he American, we would be taking him very seriously indeed.

That he chose to end his first ever British tour several miles away from the plush seats of the Hammersmith Apollo, *second home* to many similarly soul-orientated acts, suggested a willingness to confront the prejudices of those who believe him to be lightweight and disposable. Assembling a review-style *bill* comprising new *UK* acts *EYC* and Sinclair, and the super-fluent British rapper Monie Love, was a nice touch too — and mutually advantageous. It offered welcome exposure to their talents, while ensuring that a party mood had established itself by the time the headline act reached the stage.

Using the same house band as his supporting crew, Thomas made inspired but unflashy progress through a set that was perfect for exercising his interpretative gifts. He brought a new dynamic to upbeat tracks that had previously bordered on the anodyne (*"The Best of You"*, *"Thinking About Your Love"*), gave a delicious edge to his most effective ballads ("Something Special" and the shimmering "Tender Love"), and soared in duet with Pamela Anderson on the title track of his current album. This concentration on soul, not showbiz, proved so effective that by the time he reached "Trippin' On Your Love" or the anthemic "Outstanding", even the bar and security staff could be seen to be dancing.

So here was as good-natured, even celebratory, a performance as can have been seen at this venue since its re-opening earlier in the year as the Forum. And having achieved that success without resort to cliché or false bonhomie, Thomas emerged as the most natural and appealing of live performers.

Still more impressive, he revealed stylistic depth only hinted at by the clean, fluid style that has characterised his chart hits to date. A glorious local debut, then — and if there is a better young male vocalist in Britain today, it would be a pleasure to hear him.

ALAN JACKSON

RECITAL: A Russian master pianist plays in London

Dim view of sleeping giant

Sviatoslav Richter
Festival Hall

WHEN 3,000 people crowd into the Festival Hall on a Sunday afternoon to witness an elderly man playing piano music by the dim light of a single lamp, all is not entirely adrift in our civilisation. This time, Sviatoslav Richter took the trouble to explain in a programme-note why he insists on this *Stygian gloom during his performances.* "We are living in an age of voyeurs," he grumbles, "and nothing is more fatal for music." Turning off the lights gives the audience no option but to concentrate on his playing.

Voyeurs is a strange word to use about people who pay serious ticket-money to keep the musical world rolling merrily along. If Richter's fans want to spend the performance examining the great Russian's famously sepulchral features, why should he deprive them of this chilling experience? Besides, the lights-out exercise is *self-defeating. Such* interval conversation as I heard was entirely dominated by discussion of the single lamp.

Perhaps that was because Richter's Bach, which filled the first half, does not easily yield its austere secrets. When Glenn Gould played Bach on the piano, he used the instrument's anachronistic resources to brilliant effect, making the music sparkle with personality and stunning clarity. But here, apart from a few pungent left-hand rumbles, the entire Prelude, Fugue and Allegro in E flat, BWV998, *passed as if under* sedation: over-pedalled, under-characterised, muddy and often ponderous. The violent crossed-hands writing and astonishing chromaticism of the Fantasia, Adagio and Fugue in C minor, BWV 906/968, stirred Richter into more demonstrative mood, but the impression was still of a sleeping giant.

There was some drama in the outer movements of Beethoven's "Pathétique" Sonata: sudden eruptions; a lean, mean energy. But the famous Adagio was too penny-plain in delivery. An avoidance of sentimentality is admirable, but not a monastic denial of all emotional life.

With Schubert's "Wanderer" Fantasy, however, the greatness in Richter did finally shine through. From the first bars — crashed out like a *challenge — this was an interpretation* of massive scale and audacity. Not all the playing was cleanly executed, though Richter's still formidable technique was evident in the magical pianissimo he summoned up in the Adagio. But the heroic spirit of this monumental piece was utterly captured. It was a glorious climax to a sombre recital. Many in the audience stood and cheered. They switched the lights back on for that.

RICHARD MORRISON

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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** reviews Opera North's latest production, and (right) interviews the company's new boss

Gimmicks do Mozart no favours

The Shepherd King
Grand, Leeds

There is a pleasingly pastoral pattern to Opera North's autumn season, with *Baa-Baa Black Sheep*, Michael Berkeley's outstandingly successful Kipling opera, playing in repertory with Mozart's *Il re pastore*, sung in a good new translation by Amanda Holden as *The Shepherd King*. It wasn't planned that way. The 19-year-old Mozart's *serenata* replaces a scheduled *Eugene Onegin* in Howard Davies's not universally liked production shared with the Welsh National; the unavailability of Davies to "develop" his staging combined with an offer from La Scala to the protagonist, Anthony Michaels-Moore, that he could not refuse led to ON's postponement of the Tchaikovsky (*sine diem*, some might hope).

It is always good to hear *Il re pastore*, a short, melodious, richly scored little masterpiece to a good Metastasio libretto. It is not always good to see it. Last Thursday warning lights flashed furiously in the overture, which served as accompaniment to a cute and meaningless glove-puppet show, and with reason. David McVicar seems to be one of those young directors who are still terrified of music, one to whom a *ritornello*, let alone an overture, is a red rag. Introductions to arias were larded with tricksy "business" — a search (successful, alas) for Fabergé eggs in a rucksack, an otiose investiture — and even the arias themselves suffered: the protagonist's "Aer tranquillo" was not helped by five dear little child extras manipulating a flock of dear little toy lambs. Debussy's shepherd would have known what to do with them.

The opera itself got off to a bad start with poor Joan Rodgers (Aminta, the eponymous shepherd) got up as a schoolgirl got up as Oliver Hardy for the end-of-term show and mollocking so relentlessly with Mary Hegarty's shepherdess amidst the sukebind littering Frank Higgins's pretty box set as to suggest that Metastasio were setting *Cold Comfort Farm*. Once McVicar calmed down (or ran out of ideas) and in the second act allowed us to listen to the music — which we are still perfectly capable of doing, especially if it is by Mozart — some of the work's charm and sentiment started to get through. I am not convinced, though, that it is a good idea to play Alexander the Great as a pompous prat, or the dispossessed princess of Sidon as a scatty bitch — neither notion, however PC, is supported by the music.

The music itself was well served, without quite disguising the fact that *Re pastore* is not an easy work to cast in a hurry. Rodgers, who had been engaged for Tchaikovsky's Tatyana, treated the Leeds audience to a gala evening of world-class singing, perfectly moulded, deliciously creamy toned. "L'amerò", the hit of the show with its violin obbligato, was exquisitely delivered. Hegarty was unofficially reported to be singing through a heavy cold but she sparkled spiritedly in the shepherdess's frequent excursions above the stave.

Philip Salmon, last seen in somewhat unbuttoned circumstances in *The Vampyre* on television, made much of the tricky *opera seria* role of Agenor, simply by singing Holden's lines as if he meant them and handling the arias with unruffled musicianship. Martyn Hill made very heavy weather of Alexander's coloratura, and Patricia Bardon was not happily cast as the princess, which lies a little high for her smoky *mezzo*.

Paul Daniel's conducting, perhaps infected by the hyperactivity on stage, could have been a touch more relaxed and sunny. But I repeat, it is always good to hear *Re pastore*: there are more performances in Leeds next month.

DONALD COOPER



Nymph and shepherd: Joan Rodgers "treated the Leeds audience to an evening of world-class singing, perfectly moulded and creamy toned", while Mary Hegarty "sparkled spiritedly above the stave"

Casting the composer in a theatrical role

The bold appointment of Ian Ritchie to run Opera North promises well for the company's artistic future

There were one or two surprises in the general post of UK opera administrators last year. Some of the successful candidates looked almost like outsiders — from television, dance, agency or consultancy even — and at first sight no one looked more of an outsider than 40-year-old Ian Ritchie, managing director of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, when he was selected to succeed Nicholas Payne at Opera North.

But Ritchie trained as a singer (and as a youngster performed many bass roles), staged opera in his time as artistic director of the City of London Festival, and gained valuable administrative experience with the publishers Universal Edition and the SCO. In Scotland he was famous for exploring ways of making concerts more theatrical, so his move to an opera company is not illogical. And he had one thing in common with ON, which has won the Prudential Award for opera two years running: the SCO under Ritchie's stewardship picked up the overall Prudential Award in 1991.

You have to admire the ON board for not being frightened to death of him. For a start he is deeply immersed in the world of contemporary music. Among his friends at Cambridge were Benedict Mason, Robert Saxton and Judith Weir; at UE he worked closely with Harrison Birtwistle and Nigel Osborne; his nine years with the SCO saw the appointment of Maxwell Davies as associate composer-conductor, the Strathclyde Concertos amongst many other commissions, and the flowering of James MacMillan.

His work with chamber orchestras also reinforced an interest in pre-classical music and "authentic" performance practices. He wants to exploit the versatility of the ON orchestra — a.k.a. the English Northern Philharmonia — by engaging specialist conductors like Roy Goodman and Andrew Parrott.

He wants more Handel, some Monteverdi and Rameau, and of course Purcell for 1995, setting his sights on *King Arthur*, a work that would similarly exploit the versatility of the Leeds company as a whole. But the fact that when asked what his favourite opera is he answers without hesitation "*La Bohème*" may reassure the solid burghers of Leeds, just as his decisive solution of the *Onegin* problem (see review of *Il re pastore*, left) immediately on his arrival last summer — with friendly help from Payne — bears witness to his powers of swift lateral thinking.

But anyone expecting a flood of contemporary opera in Leeds would be mistaken. "I think I'd be slower than many," he says, "in soliciting new works: handing out commissions hither and yonder is a flawed process." He is not in the market for what he calls "the one-off performance and whoops, can we revive it, will there be an audience for it?".

Instead, he ponders the reasons why the process is flawed. "What we have lost is men of the theatre, composers like Cavalli, Handel and Verdi who all worked in the theatre, understood theatrical timing and values, understood balance and all those essentials.

"What I want to do in Leeds is create a climate of today's composers working in the theatre, learning the craft, finding ways of avoiding all those incredibly expensive mistakes made by people who aren't close enough to understand how it all works. I'm not trying to eliminate risks, but to develop a wisdom on the part of composers so that any risks are proper artistic risks, not ridiculous ones."

Taking a lead from what he considers to be Harrison Birtwistle's crucially beneficial time as music director at the National Theatre, Ritchie wants to find young composers to work with the company in Leeds, not just as composers in residence, but "getting their hands dirty coaching singers, playing in the pit, conducting stage bands and so on, so that their process of composition is informed by being within the company, within the theatre and thereby can be tried and tested.

"It's lovely to think of the Birtwistles of tomorrow being in NT-type jobs with opera companies. That's exactly what doesn't happen at the moment, and if it did then our future literature would be much more secure."



Ritchie: aims to bring the composer in to the theatre

But what songs will the Birtwistles of tomorrow sing? "Why is it," Ritchie asks rhetorically, "that we have an operatic repertory 90 per cent of which was written over 50 years ago? Why is it that the Verdis and the Handels were able to thrive with audiences that expected there-and-then composers to produce work still drying on the page when people were playing it in the pit?

"Our 20th-century dilemma is very restrictive — the composer here, the performer there, and the audience somewhere off in the distance. But we're beginning to address the problem, because musical language is starting to become more accessible. Composers like MacMillan are proving that you can write in a tough, challenging yet still accessible way."

So Ritchie is nicely suited to a company with a good track record for new opera, with Berkeley's Kipling piece enjoying a deserved success and high hopes for Benedict Mason's football epic next summer. Opera North has never stood still: under his leadership its repertory may perhaps move backwards in time, but it will most certainly move forwards as well, but forwards in directions informed by gritty, practical experience.

CONCERTS: Norrington directs *The Fairy Queen*; an American band in London; and a Messiaen premiere

A midwinter night's dream

The Purcell Experience
South Bank

BRAHMS has been Roger Norrington's most recent object of enquiry, but his choir is still called the Schütz Choir of London. That gives as good an idea as any of where his interests and career have taken him over the years. But for the latest in his series of weekend Experiences he went back to basics, to the Baroque and Purcell, on cue for the composer's forthcoming tercentenary celebrations.

The Purcell Experience focused on *The Fairy Queen* and culminated in a marathon performance that recreated something of the flavour of that extraordinary entertainment in London's Dorset Garden in May 1692, when Purcell's semi-opera was originally staged. To quote *The New Grove Dictionary of Opera*, it was "the most lavish and expensive show of the decade".

The South Bank Centre's resources did not quite run to Chinese gardens, peacock-drawn machines and prospects of grottos, arbours and fountains. Instead we were invited to rely on our imaginations and the occasional stage direction read aloud.

Talks throughout the weekend, by leading authorities in the field — Roger Savage, Curtis Price, Nicholas Kenyon, Bruce Wood and Andrew Pinnock — all helped to set the scene. Savage also provided a brilliant Prologue purportedly retailing the comments of disgruntled critics overheard at the bar (gross calumny!).

What the Experience brought home most emphatically was the fact that Purcell's music was only one element in a multi-media spectacle. A troupe of actors gave us the text, an anonymous adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Far from the amateurish job one often gets in such situations, this was a masterly delivery that had the audience hooting with laughter in the Lamentable Comedy of Bottom and the artisans. Equally professional were the members of the Early Dance Project, under the direction of Kay Lawrence and Alison Pooley, providing stylish Baroque choreography to Purcell's numerous dance movements.

Among a fine team of soloists, Lorraine Hunt was outstanding for her rounded, well-focused tone and the sensitivity she brought to Purcell's poignant lines, not least in the Act V *Plaint* (matched by Anthony Robson's eloquent oboe playing). Mark Padmore came closest to equalling her in the supple phrasing of Autumn's Song, though he also earned an ovation in the drag role of the rustic, Mopsa, keeping her over-eager lover Coridon (Richard Wistreich) at arm's length. Howard Crook deserves mention for several notable contributions.



Dream ticket: the choreographer Kay Lawrence and conductor Roger Norrington, dressed for Purcell

Norrington may not cavort in front of his band (the London Baroque Players) with quite the dynamic energy he once did. But there is no palpable loss of spirit: the bounce of the rhythms for the "happy, happy day" of Oberon's birthday celebrations said it all. In fact, the calm, lilting quality of the more restrained movements seemed even more touching than ever. The promised recording is keenly awaited.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Tourists find the heart of England

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THE American conductor Leonard Slatkin began several years ago to make audiences hear something they had often thought but had seldom heard expressed at the heart of Elgar. Then Vaughan Williams began to draw into new focus: first in a growing set of symphonic recordings and, most recently, on Sunday night in a revelatory performance of the *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*.

This was the visit of the St Louis Symphony Orchestra and, although the Bernstein *Candide* overture which began the evening, and the Strauss *Ein Heldenleben* which ended it showed off this fine orchestra's prowess more swaggeringly and more comprehensively, the Vaughan Williams revealed its ear and its heart. Its muscle, too: Slatkin could well afford to take the piece as slowly as he did, with string playing as disciplined and refined as this.

Tallis's theme, slow in its birth, came from and returned to an unusually far distance. The first six chords grew firmly yet imperceptibly from near silence; the little oscillating chordal figure was so imaginatively defined that it seemed to become an organic part of the tune it was to reveal. Slatkin understood well, too, the character of the nine solo string players who breathe, organ-like, in an antiphony of echo and pre-echo with the main body of the orchestra.

A sudden lurch across the water came about in the British premiere of the *Lyric Concerto* by the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer William Bolcom. Commissioned, in part by the St Louis Symphony Orchestra, for James Galway, who played it, this four-movement suite with soloist was little more than a musical weekend bargain break.

A skilfully scored first movement called "Leprechaun" frolicked, in tiny bow strokes and muted brass figures, around a lush green Celtic tune. A whiskey-haze of a "Waltz-Clog" celebrated late-19th-century Irish-Americana — though "May Morning Dew" sounded more like "I Belong to Glasgow" to me. "Memory" took the flute's alto voice on a seductive meditation; "A Bespoke Rondo" visited Dizzy Gillespie. Bebopogorrah, as Bolcom's own programme note would say, and did.

The orchestra's European tour had taken it to ten German cities for whom Richard Strauss had evidently been honed to a nicety. This was a refreshingly lean and buoyant account of the *Hero's Life*, revealing at last the brightly voiced individuals, from concertmaster to woodwind, which make up the strong and characterful community of this orchestra.

HILARY FINCH



Messiaen: music of life, death and the eternal

Final masterpiece is beyond criticism

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OLIVIER Messiaen's last large-scale piece, *Eclairs sur l'Au-Delà . . .*, was given its world premiere just over a year ago by the New York Philharmonic. Now at last it has been heard in this country. On Sunday the London Symphony Orchestra and Kent Nagano took the 11 movements very much to their hearts, and consequently to ours.

On one level the work, scored for huge orchestra, is exactly what we might have expected: great static blocks of sound, birdsong, chorale, those familiar, rather soupy tunes and harmonies, and vibrant splashes of percussion. This, however, was slightly different.

The last movement, "Le Christ, lumière du Paradis" is a slow-moving tune for muted violins resting on a bed of unmuted strings and tingling triangles, all centred on a radiant A major chord. It was lovely but hardly surprising. But when it came to its close something rather strange happened. The piece did not actually stop. Its messages — of beauty, of life and death, pain and ecstasy, and of the eternal — had already taken root, but now, in the mind, they grew to an intensity that even as I write 12 hours afterwards is overwhelming.

Eclairs sur l'Au-Delà invades the veins like a potent, sublime drug. Probably its power so to do is increased by our knowledge that it was the composer's final musical utterance on the subject of the Great Beyond, a circumstance that has to add poignancy, just as it did to Strauss's *Four Last Songs*. But even were Messiaen still with us, this ceremonial utterance would stand as a pinnacle of his achievement.

In the face of such a creation, writing about details feels irrelevant and irreverent. Yet a few specific things can be mentioned. The marvellous "Plusieurs oiseaux des arbres de Vie", for instance, a joyous cacophony of birdsong appropriately scored for woodwinds and not, as in that notorious equivalent movement of *Chronochromie*, strings; or the gigantic strivings of "Le chemin de l'Invisible", the brilliant alternations of colours in "La constellation du Sagittaire", and the delight in the exotic but simple bird-call in "L'Oiseau-Lyre et la Ville-Fiancée". There is far more besides, and Nagano and the LSO played the piece as if fully cognisant of its significance. Mere words cannot begin to do it justice.

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Cut-price court in a spin over its record

A court set up to reduce the high cost of disputes has left one man with a £1 million bill, but its judge defends its work. David Conn reports

The Patents County Court, set up in 1990 to provide cheap and speedy justice for rival claimants to inventions, is facing fierce criticism within the legal profession. A barrister last week described it as "an apology of a court".

The court is intended to be an alternative to smaller companies and individuals previously excluded from the British courtroom by the huge expense of High Court litigation. But it has come under fire for failing to create the right framework for patent cases, for rulings said to be indecisive, and as an "unworkable compromise" resulting from an unwillingness to adapt the High Court system.

The judge, Peter Ford, strongly defends his record, and is supported by many who believe he is doing a difficult job well, hampered by inadequate procedural rules and the unwillingness of the professions involved to adapt to a more streamlined approach.

Patent disputes in the High Court have become unwieldy, increasingly complex and costly. A recent High Court case illustrates this. Chiron, a Californian pharmaceutical company, sued four defendants including Organon, an arm of the Dutch chemical concern AKZO. The court judged Chiron's claim to a valid 1992 patent for the identification and detection of polypeptide, the cause of hepatitis C. Organon countered that the discovery of polypeptide was obvious, and that the patent was therefore invalid.

The trial in July lasted 21 days, featured senior QCs, teams of city solicitors and 18 witnesses, including two Nobel prize winners and Professor Terukatsu Arima, giving evidence from Japan via a video link. Mr Justice Aldous held in favour of Chiron on the question of obviousness. Further questions in the case require another five-day hearing next March.

In another case, Biogen, an American drugs company, succeeded in a dispute with Medeva, part of Glaxo, for the sole right to produce a hepatitis B vaccine by means of genetic engineering. An appeal is expected.

Neither side in either case will reveal its costs, but one solicitor says that the figure is "obviously a lot of money". In one 1992 case the plaintiff's costs were £2 million. Robin Lawrence, of Gill Jennings & Every, London patent agents, estimates average High Court costs at £500,000, ten times the cost in Germany, and worries that cases are being lost to Dusseldorf.

Large companies are ready to run up costs because the winner can make substantial profits. Worldwide sales of the hepatitis B vaccine, already £450 million, are set to increase dramatically for the winner of the Biogen case, with the World Health Organisation recommending inclusion of the vaccine in immunisation programmes in every country in the world by 1997.

Ian Judge, partner at



Peter Ford, patents judge

Bristows, Cooke & Carpmael, responsible for the Chiron case, says: "The holder of a patent can exclude competitors for 20 years. Opponents fight tooth and nail to stay in the market. It's like war; you go into it knowing that the costs are high but you have to win."

To reduce costs the alternative forum, the Patents County Court, was set up. Presided over by Judge Peter Ford, it is intended to keep procedures simple and witnesses to a minimum. The case is made out fully at the outset so that litigants can see their respective strengths. Patent agents can represent clients themselves, without solicitors or barristers. A review by Alan Burrington, a patent agent, showed that costs could be as low as a third of those in the High Court.

Since its inception, 260 actions have commenced at the court in the north London suburb of Wood Green. The Sony Walkman case brought the court early notoriety, when Andreas Pavel, an inventor, failed with his claim that Sony had infringed a valid 1970s patent. Mr Pavel became liable for Sony's costs of more than a million pounds and now has legal aid to appeal.

The first seven of Judge Ford's decisions to be tested in the Court of Appeal were overturned. Several judgments have been particularly harsh, including Optical Laboratories v Hayden Laboratories earlier this year, in which the Court of Appeal commented that such a complex case was unsuitable for county court trial.

Within the professions, criticism of Judge Ford has, according to one solicitor, "gathered a momentum of its own". The judge is considered by some to be indecisive and to have failed in the opportunity to establish a firm, economical structure for the new court.

He was criticised in the Walkman case for allowing Sony's lawyers to use procedural points tactically, hindering the patent agent acting for Mr Pavel.

But others believe the blame lies elsewhere. Alistair Poor, partner in solicitors Clyde & Co and also a patent agent, points out that only two of the successful appeals have been on points of law, the rest on procedure. He says: "Representatives are trying to manipulate a relatively new procedure to their advantage."

Judge Ford believes that the criticisms are not tempered by an understanding of his position, caught between conventional court procedure and a few innovations. The county court is firmly part of the rigid English court rules, but Judge Ford is expected to apply them flexibly. A set of practice directions, prescribing court rules, are to be issued within a month. "Now that we are formulating our procedures", Judge Ford says, "I believe the Court of Appeal will support the principles. "This court is here to make litigation accessible for people without great resources, whether the case is complex or not. I am aware of the problems, but in a short time the situation will change drastically."



The trendsetting personal stereo: its marketing has led to a million-pound lawsuit

Will parrot squawk before the beak?

It was reported in *The Times* that Max, a parrot, may be called to give evidence as a witness at a murder trial in Santa Rosa, California.

In November 1991, Max was found near the body of his owner, Jane Gill, who had been smothered to death. Since then, Max has persisted in shrieking, "Richard, no, no, no!" Gary Rasp, who is on trial for the murder, hopes to call Max as a witness for the defence.

This case may well end up in the United States Supreme Court. How does prosecuting counsel cross-examine a parrot on the crucial issues: Who is Richard? Has Max ever had trouble with his ears? Has he been promised a lifetime's supply of parrot food in the event of an acquittal?

A difficult question of law is whether the judge should give the jury the American equivalent of the warning required by the Court of Appeal *in R v Turnbull* as to the dangers of identification evidence. The precedents suggest that the California court will want to listen to the parrot. In 1983, the United States Court of Appeals dismissed a legal challenge to a municipal ordinance imposing a business licence tax. The claim was brought by the owners and promoters of "Blackie the Talking Cat", whose repertoire included a purred "I love you" to the District Judge — albeit before the judge ruled against the cat.



COUNSEL
DAVID PANNICK QC

Blackie's owners complained that the tax was an infringement of Blackie's rights to free speech under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The court noted that it saw no need for the owners to assert such a right, since "Blackie can clearly speak for himself".

English lawyers have recognised the relevance and admissibility of evidence from animals. In 1987 a dog was called as a witness at an industrial tribunal hearing in Southampton. Tetter, a border collie, gave evidence to show her obedience to the commands of her owner, the author Richard Adams.

Expert evidence about the mental condition of animals has been accepted by courts on both sides of the Atlantic. Last April, an Irish court awarded damages of £4,000 to the owner of a dog that suffered "psychological trauma" and "a personality change" as a result of a car crash.

In their entertaining book *Supreme Folly*, Rodney Jones and Gerald Uelmen report that in 1983 the Supreme Court of Montana dismissed an appeal against the award of $240,000 to a farmer after construction work on the highway had upset his pigs. At the trial, an expert had given evidence that the pigs "were very susceptible to porcine stress syndrome".

In 1981, in New York, a defendant explained that he could not have committed the violent crime of which he was accused because the victim had an aggressive dog which would have protected his owner. The victim replied that the dog was meek and mild.

The judge ordered that this conflict of evidence be resolved by the dog undergoing a psychological examination to ascertain whether it "exhibits any aggressive behaviour in response to certain stimuli".

American lawyers have well understood the dangers of testimony from animals. In 1991, a lawyer who broke into the home of a client's estranged wife was disturbed by the cat. He killed the unfortunate animal by putting it into the microwave, for which he was fined by the criminal court and suspended from practice by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The lawyer's evidence that he "accidentally turned on the microwave after placing the cat there for safekeeping" was not accepted.

In the past, legal liabilities were commonly imposed on members of the animal kingdom. Some traces of such thinking survive. In 1992, a Tanzanian court jailed a goat for seven days for illegally grazing on a private farm.

When so many legal proceedings concern humans who act like animals, it is, perhaps, not surprising that courts are now faced with animals acting like humans. Max the parrot should, however, be careful how loudly he expresses his views.

Last March, Taunton County Court in Somerset granted an injunction to silence Corky the cockerel from disturbing his neighbours between midnight and 7 o'clock in the morning.

And in one of A.P. Herbert's *Misleading Cases*, Lord Lick refers to the decision in "*Silvertop v The Stepney Guardians* where a man trained a parrot to say three times after meals, "Councillor Wart has not washed today". It was held that this was a libel.

My advice to Max is get yourself a good lawyer.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Assault on violence

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, says he is sympathetic to Law Commission proposals last week for a new law on assault, woundings and other violence. But the commission is looking for more than nice words.

The proposals should commend themselves to the government: the commission was at pains to point out the implications both for public money and miscarriages of justice of what it called the "disgrace" of the present law.

Mr Justice Brooke, the commission chairman, notes that even a comparatively short Crown Court case and appeal could cost £40,000 in public money, "quite apart from the human misery caused by wrongful convictions".

This money is wasted if mistakes are made about the law, he says. "I make no bones about it. The criminal law of this country, in this field, is a disgrace and I very much hope that our recommendations are going to get public support and are going to pass into law."

The commission put forward a draft bill to replace the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, which the commission said used antique and obscure language and caused constant argument and confusion.

Mr Justice Brooke is clearly not going to leave what he called the most significant reforms ever produced by the Law Commission — and the result of 20 years' work — to gather dust.

Lost chance

DELEGATES at the Lawyers in Europe conference last week were disappointed not to hear Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, open the event. But he had double-booked and chose to attend the State Opening of Parliament instead.

Unfortunately, he missed the chance to talk to José Coelho Ribiero, a prominent Portuguese lawyer announced at the conference as European Lawyer of the Year. As last year's president of the Council of European Bars, Mr Ribiero was instrumental in getting Europe's lawyers to agree, after a 15-year deadlock, a draft directive allowing lawyers to practise in every European Union member state.

The European Commission has announced that it intends to rewrite the directive, which it says has protectionist overtones.

Crowning glory

THE TWO Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) barristers, Gary Garland and Neil Addison, who ran on a "rights of audience" ticket at the recent Bar Council elections have succeeded in their campaign to be elected. Clearly, lawyers in the CPS are not going to be fobbed off over the right to take Crown cases.

Charitable line

A TELEPHONE advice line for charities has been launched by Lincoln's Inn firm Laytons. Charity Line is aimed at trustees who — since the Charities Act 1993 — need more and more legal advice.

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INNS AND OUTS



Leo McKern as Rumpole

Rumpole returns

JOHN Mortimer's collection of stories *Rumpole on Trial*, which came out last year in hardback, is now out in Penguin paperback in time for Christmas.

The stories see the terrible Timsons, Rumpole's bread-and-butter clients, defending themselves against a charge of devil-worship; Erskine Brown defending himself aginst a complaint of sexual harassment and Mr Justice "Ollie" Oliphant defending himself against a tirade of home truths from an unrepentant Rumpole.

Software support

HELP is at hand for lawyers and citizens' advice bureaux who want to calculate the large maintenance payments now likely to be exacted from fathers by the Child Support Agency.

A new computer program has been brought out by Systeme Ouvert, a software house, which works out the assessment using the same formula as the agency and shows how the sum is reached. Pamela Collis, head of family law at Kingsley Napley, says the software is easy to use.

Masterly move

LAWYERS can now study for a masters' degrees in advanced litigation while carrying on with their practice. A two-year course, starting in January at Nottingham law school, will enable both solicitors and barristers to combine distance learning with six residential weekend schools in Nottingham.

The course is the flagship for the law school's newly established Centre of Advanced Ligitation (COAL). The course will be taught by case studies rather than "talking heads", the school says.

Rights advice

HOW do you find a good solicitor? And how can you keep control of your legal bills? A new leaflet from the National Consumer Council, "Getting the Best from Your Solicitor", is now available free from advice bureaux and law centres. Lady Wilcox, the council chairman, commented that "it is extremely disappointing that the Law Society has not yet produced anything similar itself".

One of the reasons for the leaflet was "our frustration with the legal profession over the amount and quality of the information they make available to their clients", she said. "Consumers would not dream of buying any other service without having at least an inkling of what it will cost. Yet the legal profession remains reluctant to give customers information up-front about their charges."

Client charges

NOT all solicitors are coy about charges though. Several firms have already written to contest the claim (Law, November 9) by City law firm Davies Arnold Cooper that it is breaking new ground in publishing a detailed breakdown of its charging rates for clients.

Mark Fairweather & Co, of Leiston, Suffolk, regularly hands out a "client care charter" which explains how it charges clients; likewise, Davies Grant & Horton, of Plymouth, which since May 1991 has been giving an exact hourly rate, rather than a band; while Cripps Harries Hall, in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, says it first published tariffs 18 months ago to show London clients that a comparable service was on offer outside the capital, at cheaper rates.

Jonathan Denny, managing partner at Cripps, says not only is the firm open about its hourly charges "but also does not charge for fax usage, postage, document exchange or meals for partners while away from the office".

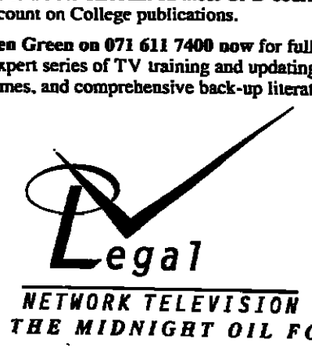
Signing off

THE RISE in solicitors' fees to £5 for commissioning an oath has inspired Geoffrey Mason of Much Marcle, Herefordshire, to verse:

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● *The woman barrister pictured last week was Lucy Moorman not Lucy Merriman*



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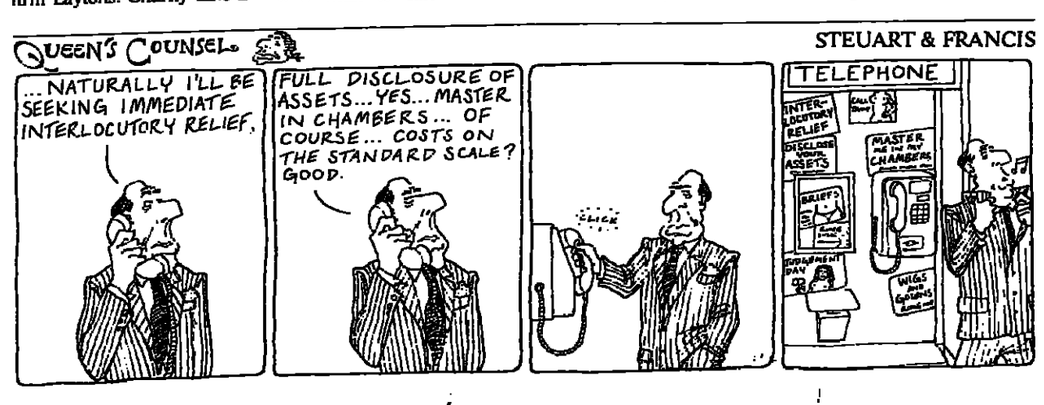
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At home, Tim Powell feeds baby John, 18 months, with the help of Katie, four, while wife Deirdre Forster, right, works at the office

The perfect partnership

Claire Cohen meets a husband and wife who resolved their concerns over childcare by opting to job-share — with each other

Deirdre Forster and Tim Powell have an unusual double act at a law practice in south London. Not only do the married couple work as assistant solicitors in the same office; they share one job with each other.

Ms Forster works two days a week, her husband works three. When one is at work, the other is looking after their children, Katie, four, and John, 18 months. This arrangement is rare in any walk of life and virtually unheard of in the legal profession. Although colleagues and contacts have shown approval and even envy, the couple have yet to come across anyone else doing the same.

The chance to set up a job-share came unexpectedly. "I was pregnant with Katie and wondering how to reconcile not wanting to give up work and not wanting to have our child looked after by a nanny or childminder," Ms Forster says. "A job-share with Tim, who wanted to leave his job with a West End firm of solicitors, seemed a perfect solution. I sold the idea to an acquaintance with another law firm on the lookout for staff. Two weeks later, Tim and I were explaining at an interview exactly how we would manage the job. Our job offer landed on the doormat the day Katie was born."

The jobshare at Howard Thomas & Petrou, a two-partner firm in Tulse Hill, has now lasted four years and been a resounding success. The couple do civil litigation work, specialising in housing law and accident compensation.

When Ms Forster came back to work six months after having Katie, she took over two-fifths of her husband's clients. Letters were sent explaining which days each solicitor would be available and there were no complaints. "Clients know when we are available and tend to ring up on the right days," Ms Forster says. "We check each other's post and always take action if something is urgent. We have to be well organised, with an impeccable filing system. If an emergency occurs with one of Tim's clients I will deal with it, or ring Tim to consult."

They share the same desk at work, and a full-time secretary, a vital link in the set-up. It costs the same to employ them as to employ one full-time solicitor, except that their employer pays annual fees for two practising certificates instead of one.

Michael Petrou, the firm's litigation partner, feels this slight extra cost is more than justified. "It works very well — we certainly benefit from having two minds instead of one. As long as they remain in the driving seat there is absolutely no problem."

Their diary-recall system ensures that they do stay in the driving seat. No file is put away without a recall date. Clients are contacted on that date, even if they are simply sent a letter saying there is no further action to be taken at present, but it means the job-sharers stay one step ahead wherever possible.

Mr Powell says that his working week is a marvellous contrast. "I would be suing people on Monday and sitting on the floor of a toy library on Tuesday, building towers of bricks with a one-year-old.

"Some people might think that because I'm not at work five days a week slogging my guts out I can't be doing a real job but my work has actually improved. I probably put more effort into those three days than the person working a five-day week. I have also become more detached from the job, which is a strength. And while looking after the children I have had to learn the time management principles known to every childcarer. Applying these to my work has made me more efficient. But I cringe at the 'New Man' label — I didn't set out to be one.

"A lot of people have said that it sounds wonderful but that it's not for them. But apart from money, I can't see that they could get anything out of work to replace the fun they are missing. I understand that a lot of couples cannot job-share, but if it is a possibility they are doing themselves a huge disservice by closing the door on it.

"Admittedly my career is on the back burner at the moment, but as long as I can do the job well the only people who will be closing doors in the future will be those with old-fashioned ideas who cannot understand why I have done this — and I probably wouldn't want to work for them anyway.

"The job-share has been a complete success. To other lawyers I would say — step outside the system and think laterally. If you would like to do something similar, work out how to achieve it. After all, producing solutions to otherwise intractable problems is what lawyers do every day."

City firms protest at slur on integrity



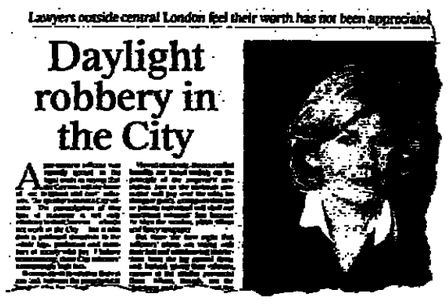
Ronnie Fox, above, rejects a claim that City solicitors take clients for a ride

Is there such a thing as a high quality legal firm in the City of London? Not according to Michael Hackett in his diatribe against City solicitors (*The Times*, September 21, Daylight robbery in the City). Today, though, quality is defined by consumers of legal services, not only by the service providers; and City solicitors are extremely sensitive to the quality features demanded by sophisticated commercial clients.

Why have the City law firms of all sizes seen a steady growth and development? One reason is the way they have responded to the needs of their clients. Take, for example, specialisation. The only way of coping with frequent changes in many branches of law is by specialisation. Twenty years ago, most corporate lawyers dealt routinely with mergers and acquisitions, Stock Exchange regulations, competition law, intellectual property, employment, tax and insolvency. Today, the pace of change and the complexity of recent statutes has prompted the emergence of specialists and sub-specialists in each of these areas.

As well as demanding specialist legal knowledge, clients are now looking for industry-based experience and expertise. There are City lawyers who specialise not just in shipping or banking or insurance but in narrow client-defined industry sectors such as telecommunications, pharmaceutical products or the food industry.

Lawyers outside central London feel their worth has not been appreciated



Daylight robbery in the City

The Times article that criticised City firms

Mr Hackett's suggestion that a specialist lawyer may take instructions but then delegate the work to a non-specialist who will learn "on the job" at the clients' expense is an insult to the intelligence of business clients. Any lack of experience is quickly picked up by a client consulting a lawyer on an important matter.

The hardest part of specialisation is being willing to say no, being prepared to turn away work outside an established area of expertise. There are no truly "full service" law firms in the City; City firms refer work elsewhere when they cannot provide the right blend of technical skills, or when their own involvement will not be cost-effective. The clients' interests are always paramount.

City law firms recognise the economic pressures to which may businesses are subject. Major legal projects are always subject to a budget. City solicitors provide information about the seniority of the lawyers working on a particular job, the hours worked and the applicable charge-out rates. Many clients, particularly in-house corporate lawyers, are looking for alternatives to hourly-based billing. Firms are being flexible: they are discussing annual retainers, fees which are either fixed or capped, and other methods which involve solicitors sharing a degree of risk with their clients. We now expect business clients to compare the legal fees incurred with the value which has been delivered.

Often commercial transactions require a rapid response, the prompt commitment of large teams of lawyers willing to work through the night and travel at short notice, and massive office back-up facilities. Huge sums of money may depend on the outcome. City firms have organised themselves to cope.

My own specialist field happens to be the negotiation of payments on termination of employment. When a public company is involved I have often worked through the night to reach a conclusion which can be announced to the Stock Exchange in the morning. Unsocial hours are a way of life for City solicitors.

It is unrealistic to contemplate the hire of a tailor-made support team for a specific job or to rent a boardroom for consultations at short notice. Clients' needs for speed and reliability have led City law firms to offer high level expertise on tap and facilities available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Mr Hackett alleges that in large City firms the volume of work required to do justice to a particular job will expand to fit the available workforce. In fact City firms are in the forefront when it comes to assisting clients to control legal costs. The large firms have been pioneers in the use of information technology to drive down the cost of legal work. Computerised word processing and accounting is the norm. Networked document-assembly tools, statute and case law databases, and sophisticated search engines will enable lawyers to provide a better and faster service at lower cost.

It is not for me to say whether the City is still the home of the brightest and best solicitors. What is clear is that fierce competition helps to identify the solicitors with real talent and enthusiasm. Only the most diligent and efficient firms will survive and succeed. City firms of solicitors will be among them.

● *The author is the senior partner of the City solicitors Fox Williams and a member of the Committee of the City of London Law Society.*

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University place offered in error

Moran v University College Salford (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Waite

[Reasons November 12]

Where, as a result of a clerical error, a prospective student received an unconditional offer of a place at a university, which he accepted by notifying the Polytechnic Central Admissions System ("PCAS") and the university in the prescribed manner, there was a strong case for saying that there was a binding agreement under which the university was committed to accept him for the course for which he had applied, even though he would not have been bound to pay fees until he did enrol under the terms of the agreement.

By accepting the offer he had ceased, in practical terms, to be eligible to seek an alternative place through the clearing system and that element was capable of providing good consideration for the agreement.

The Court of Appeal so stated in giving reason for dismissing on October 26 an appeal by Mr Paul Moran against the refusal on October 8, by Mr Hugh Bennett QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, to grant a mandatory injunction to compel University College Salford ("UCS") to admit him to a BSc physiotherapy course.

Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC and Miss Nan Alban-Lloyd for Mr Moran; Mr Joe Smouha for the university.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that in May 1993 Mr Moran applied for a place on a physiotherapy course at several institutions, including UCS, and later received from PCAS notification of an unconditional offer of acceptance from UCS. He returned a reply slip to PCAS on June 29 accepting the offer.

His acceptance meant that he was not eligible to seek an alternative place in 1993 through PCAS. On July 6, PCAS acknowledged his acceptance and enclosed a reply slip which Mr Moran completed and sent on July 8 to the college admissions officer at UCS confirming that he was taking up the offer.

Mr Moran later gave notice terminating his employment and to leave his accommodation and did not attend a second interview for a job for which he had applied. On August 16 he telephoned and spoke to the course leader at UCS who informed him that he had never been offered a place on the course and that there was no place for him.

It transpired that there had been a clerical error on the form on which UCS notified PCAS of its decision on Mr Moran's application and that it had never been intended that he should be accepted.

For UCS it was said that the offer of a place was a mere invitation to enter into discussions which might lead to an agreement to accept him on the course and that it was not intended that any contract would come into existence until he had enrolled and agreed to pay the fees.

Reliance was placed on *Orphanos v Queen Mary College* ([1985] AC 761). But the question there was when Mr Orphanos was committed by contract to pay the fees. The answer was when he enrolled. The question whether the college had earlier committed itself to honour its offer of a place was not in issue.

The unconditional offer of a place on the course was on the face of it intended to create legal relations and appeared to be an offer capable of acceptance. When Mr Moran accepted it, at the latest when he notified UCS on July 8, there was strong case for saying that an agreement was reached under which UCS agreed to offer him a place if he sought to enrol on the due date. However, he would not have been bound to enrol or pay fees under the terms laid down by PCAS.

His Lordship rejected the argument that Mr Moran could have sought to rejoin the clearing system after speaking to the course leader on August 16. He was not then told the reason why there was no place and only learned the correct reason on September 3. By then it was too late, as the clearing was by then almost finished.

His Lordship concluded that there was a strong and clear case, on which Mr Moran has a good chance of success, that in late June/early July 1993 the parties reached a binding agreement, for good consideration, that UCS would accept Mr Moran for the degree course in physiotherapy commencing in September or October 1993.

However, taking various other matters into account he was clearly of the view that it would be wrong to grant a mandatory order at an interlocutory stage.

Lord Justice Evans gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Clive O. Romain, North Lewisham; Eversheds Alexander Tatham, Manchester.

Entitlement to protection as insurance policyholder

Scher and Others v Policyholders Protection Board and Others (No 2)
Ackman and Others v Same (No 2)

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Mustill

[Speeches November 22]

A person not the legal holder of a policy of insurance but who had a contingent claim under the policy on the company's liquidation was not a person "to whom . . . a sum is due" within section 96(1) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 so as to make him a policyholder entitled under section 8(2) of the Policyholders Protection Act 1975 to compensation from the Policyholders Protection Board: nor did he qualify if, after the liquidation, his claim then ceased to be contingent.

The additional requirement under section 8(2), that the claimant had to be a "private" policyholder, as defined in section 6(7) of the 1975 Act, had been intended by Parliament to protect partnerships only where they consisted of private individuals, and a member of a partnership which contained a corporate partner did not qualify.

The House of Lords so held in giving guidance on the meaning of sections 6(7), 8(2) and 96(1) on appeals by two groups of plaintiffs from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Leggatt) (*The Times* August 18, 1992; [1993] 2 WLR 479), varying declarations made by Mr Justice Webster on the meaning of the sections.

The Ackman group of 303 plaintiffs were either individual or professional corporation partners in a United States law firm or in a Canadian accountancy firm. The Scher group of plaintiffs were three physicians representing 5,000 doctors practising in New York.

Both groups had taken out professional liability insurance policies subscribed by four insurance companies in respect of which provisional liquidators had been appointed and they had sought the court's determination as to whether their policies fell within the scope of the 1975 Act.

The defendants were the Policyholders Protection Board, Royal Insurance (UK) Ltd and New Hampshire Insurance Co Ltd; both companies having been joined on their own behalf and on behalf of all insurers upon whom the board might impose a levy under the 1975 Act.

Sir Patrick Neill, QC and Mr Alan Griffiths for Royal Insurance; Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC and Mr Geoffrey Vos for the Scher plaintiffs; Mr Gordon Pollock, QC and Mr Mark Phillips for the Ackman plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Legh-Jones, QC, for New Hampshire: Mr Rory Phillips for the board.

LORD MUSTILL said that the Policyholders Protection Board would be required to make payment under section 8 only if four conditions were fulfilled:

1 The policy in question was a United Kingdom policy: section 4(2) of the 1975 Act.

2 The claimant was a policyholder, that is, he was either [limb A] the legal holder of the policy or [limb B] "a person to whom, under [the policy] a sum is due": section 96(1).

3 The claimant was a private policyholder, that is, he (or it) was a policyholder who was either (a) an individual; or (b) a partnership or other unincorporated body of persons all of whom were individuals: section 6(7).

4 The claim had reached the stage of creating a "liability . . . under the terms of any policy": section 8(2).

Problems had arisen in relation to all four of those conditions. The House had already discussed the first in an earlier judgment (*The Times* July 16; [1993] 3 WLR 357).

As to the second, there was an issue about the meaning of each element of the definition of "policyholder" contained in section 96(1). As to the third, there was an issue about the way in which section 6(7) was to be applied when a policy was issued to a partnership, and where one or more of the partners was a corporated body. As to the fourth there was an issue about the stage which a claim had to reach before becoming a liability of the insurer under the terms of the policy.

In the courts below the proceedings had been generalised and abstract statements made on the meaning of the statutes. His Lordship would have proposed that that had been the wrong approach, but the proceedings having gone so far, the House would do its best to provide the guidance sought, within the limits of what was practicable.

Whether a partner in a partnership containing one or more corporate partners, who was a party to the insurance policy granted to the partnership, was a private policyholder within section 6(7).

The disasters which prompted the 1975 legislation had in the main borne upon people who were generally of quite modest means; more modest, in the majority of cases, than the means of most corporate bodies. It would have been possible for Parliament to create a safety-net for all policyholders of failed insurers, but the sharp contrast between sections 6(4) and 6(6) showed quite clearly that that was regarded as putting too heavy a burden on the industry as a whole.

So far as concerned non-compulsory insurance the corporate policyholders would have to look after themselves. The existence of the intermediate category of partnerships plainly presented a problem, since they would often, although by no means always, be operating for profit, and in that respect resembled corporate bodies. Yet they differed crucially, in that the partners retained personal unlimited liability which they might be unable to sustain without the help of the board.

Some compromise was therefore required, and it was embodied in section 6(7)(b), whereby a partnership was to be treated as if it were a private individual if, but only if, it consisted of private individuals. A partnership loss was to be recoverable only if the partnership had no corporate member.

Whether the definition of a "policyholder" in section 96 of the 1982 Act was apt to include a person who was not a party to the contract but who had a contingent claim under the policy which would rank for payment in the liquidation.

Since that concerned the interpretation of the 1982 Act, the right course was to leave the 1975 Act entirely out of account. Imagine then a person, a member of the shadowy class of those who while not parties to the policy yet stood in such a relation to it as to be capable of qualifying under limb B, and imagine also that the claim of that person was at the moment before the liquidation still subject to an unperformed contingency.

That person at that moment was not a policyholder. He had no right to demand that the insurer should pay him anything under the policy, or otherwise to indemnify him under the policy, and if he had no such right it could not sensibly be said that a sum was due to him.

The argument for the claimants was that under the law of insolvency any person who was a creditor of the insurance company at the material time, that was, at the beginning of the liquidation, was a person to whom a sum was due from the company.

A contingent claimant was a creditor, the rights of such a creditor were to be valued by reference to the existence of the contingency, with the person in question being admitted as a creditor for an amount equal to that value.

The effect of the statutory insolvency scheme was to give the claimant the right to an immediate notional distribution of a share in the company's assets, albeit that distribution would be neither calculated nor made until long afterwards.

That argument construed "policyholder" as if the word were the subject of an explicit definition in the 1975 Act and sought to attribute to it a meaning which perfectly fulfilled the intended functions of that Act. The argument then proceeded to read the construction so arrived at into the 1982 Act.

That was wholly inconsistent with section 32(2)(a) of the 1975 Act which prescribed that expressions used in that Act should "have the same meaning as in the Insurance Companies Act 1974 [now, 1982]" and plainly contemplated that the meaning of each expression should first be ascertained in the context of the prior statute, and then transferred unchanged to the 1975 Act. More than that, however, the argument entirely ignored the different origins and functions of the two statutes.

The 1982 Act and its long chain of ancestors had been concerned to regulate the insurance industry as a whole, to maintain its margins of risk and capitalisation, and to ensure that those who depended upon it were at the same time protected by the organs of the state and had their individual opportunities to know what was going on and to make their voices heard. It was in that general context that the definition in section 96(1) had to be understood.

By contrast, the 1975 Act was a response to an immediate consumer crisis in the insurance industry, and was designed to regulate not the general health of the industry but the situations created when components of the industry became unable to fulfil their obligations.

The arguments addressed for the claimants had sought to write back the limited aims of the 1975 Act into the 1982 Act, the culmination of a long series of more general statutes, and to construe the latter accordingly. That could not be right.

Further, the idea of a retrospective right dating back to the beginning of the liquidation was a fiction which the draftsman of section 96(1) and its predecessors could not have had in mind. The words "to whom a sum is due" meant what they said, and not "to whom a sum is afterwards deemed to have been due". The question would be answered in the negative.

The same conclusion could be reached by the alternative route which Lord Justice Leggatt in the Court of Appeal had preferred. The sum had to be due under the policy.

Even if it was possible to say that a sum become due to the contingent claimant at the moment of the liquidation, it was no more due under the policy at that moment than it was due under it immediately beforehand. The occurrence of the liquidation gave a new right, but it did not give a new right under the contract of insurance.

Whether a person, who was not a policyholder within the meaning of section 96 at the beginning of the liquidation might become a policyholder after the beginning of the liquidation, by, for example, the crystallisation of the claim against him by settlement, award or judgment, so that he became "a person to whom a sum is due", so as to enable him to make a claim under section 8(2).

The issue comprised two questions:

(i) Whether a person, not a party to the contract of insurance, who did not qualify as a policyholder within the meaning of section 96(1) because his claim was contingent, might become a policyholder after the date of the liquidation when the claim ceased to be contingent; and

(ii) If so, whether a person who subsequently became a policyholder in that way within section 96(1) might thereby qualify as a policyholder for the purposes of section 8(2) and make a claim under that section accordingly.

The first question differed from that raised by the previous issue, which was concerned with the question whether the claimant became a policyholder *instanter* by the very fact of the liquidation. The present question was whether he could become a policyholder after the liquidation.

There was a risk that any pronouncement on that question might adversely and mistakenly affect the rights of persons whose situations were far removed from the present. That was not a risk which his Lordship was willing to take.

However, he would answer the second question, since it concerned the interpretation of section 8(2) of the Act under which the plaintiffs claimed, and not with the much wider perspectives of the 1982 Act, so that the risk that a declaration might have unforseen results in a field not fully explored was much less.

The problem came down to this. Postulate a person who had a contingent claim at the time of the liquidation, and who was the kind of person who fell into the category of those capable of falling within limb B [of section 96(1)].

Ex hypothesi he could satisfy one of the conditions imposed by section 8(2), since the Court of Appeal had decided that a contingent claim created a "liability . . . under the terms of any policy" a decision against which there had been no appeal.

At first sight, however, it appeared that he was defeated by the second requirement, of being a policyholder at the relevant time. Might his rights under section 8(2) nevertheless be saved if the claim under the policy ceased to be contingent at a later date, so that, assuming an affirmative answer to the first element of the issue, the claimant then became the policyholder?

There were only two routes by which an affirmative answer could be reached.

The first was by holding that, whatever the requirements of limb B as part of the 1982 Act, the expression "to whom a sum is due" had in the context of the 1975 Act to have a special, wider meaning so as to accord with the general sense of section 8(2) and in particular with the agreed meaning of "liability . . . under the terms of any policy". That was inconsistent with section 32(2)(a) of the 1975 Act. "Policyholder" had to mean the same in both Acts.

The second route was to assert that since limb B of the definition in section 96(1) contained no reference to time, a person might become a policyholder, or for that matter cease to be a policyholder, with the passage of time; and that if that was true for the 1982 Act it had also to be true for section 8(2) of the 1975 Act. But the question whether a person was or was not a policyholder could not be addressed completely at large. It had to relate to a particular moment of time.

Since the present appeal was concerned with claims under section 8(2), it was necessary to identify the moment of time by which the person's status as policyholder was relevant.

For the purposes of all the conditions imposed by section 8(2), that was the beginning of the liquidation. Accordingly, whatever the answer to the first question, the answer to the second was in the negative.

Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Wilde Sapte; Freshfields; Kennedys; Herbert Smith.

Correction

In *Western Counties Construction Ltd v Witney Town Football and Social Club* (*The Times* November 19) Mr Donald Lambie, instructed by D. A. Borland & Co, Eynsham, appeared for the club and Miss Raquel Agnello, instructed by Linnells, Witney, appeared for the creditors.

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Stich thinks Davis Cup has slowed his advance

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN FRANKFURT

THE legitimacy of Pete Sampras's No 1 ranking is indisputable. He is the best tennis player in the world. Nevertheless, Michael Stich, even before beating him in the final of the ATP world championship here on Sunday to finish as the No 2, believes he has competed with a self-inflicted handicap this year.

Stich claims that patriotic duties have cost him a chance of catching Sampras. He has a point. Had he not chosen to lead Germany to the final of the Davis Cup against Australia in Düsseldorf next week, he could have been within striking distance of the leading position.

Whereas he has represented his country in all three rounds, the Australians eliminated the United States in January. Neither Sampras nor Jim Courier (who infamously read a book during the last of his three successive defeats in Frankfurt and dropped to No 3 in the rankings) played for his national team.

Stich's argument is not watertight. He may have followed the same downward spiral as his compatriot, Boris Becker. Ignoring the Davis Cup, Becker intended to improve his ranking.

The plan backfired. He has fallen from the top ten for the first time since 1985.

Yet Stich will support a proposal that is to be raised in Düsseldorf. The International Tennis Federation (ITF) will suggest that the Davis Cup be reconstructed after the conclusion of the tournament next year. The plan is to abandon the present knockout format and for the leading eight nations to be divided into two groups.

They would compete on a round-robin basis and the winners would meet in the final. The idea was prompted by a complaint from the Lawn Tennis Association, which pointed out that Britain has not played at home for more than two years. The next tie is in Portugal in March.

"You can win the first round," an ITF spokesman said yesterday, "and not know where you are going to be next. This should make it easier not only for players and countries to plan ahead but also for local sponsors and television companies to organise themselves."

Courier has already indicated that he will make himself available for his country's next tie, in India.

Sampras has not yet ruled himself out of contention and may find it difficult to refuse. The new team captain, Tom Gullikson, is the twin of his coach, Tim.

Stich faced questions about his ranking. Courier's performances in the grand slam tournaments, the gauge of a player's worth, was unquestionably superior.

He retained the Australian title and reached the final at the French Open and at Wimbledon.

The ATP is to blame. Although the organising body of the men's Tour responded to a request from the ITF to award more points for grand slam events, the differential was nullified when comparatively trivial tournaments were subsequently upgraded.

Anomalies are inevitable in a system in which players discard all but their best 14 performances during the year. Thus, two years ago Stefan Edberg could afford to drop from his record first-round defeats in the French and US Opens and remain No 1.

ATP RANKINGS

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, P Sampras (US), 4,128 pts; 2, M Stich (Ger), 3,445; 3, J Courier (US), 3,390; 4, S Bruguera (Sp), 2,590; 5, S Edberg (Swe), 2,571; 6, A Medvedev (Ukr), 2,415; 7, G Ivanisevic (Cro), 2,186; 8, M Chang (US), 2,154; 9, T Muster (Austria), 2,033; 10, C Pioline (Fr), 2,012; 11, B Becker (Ger), 1,958; 12, P Korda (Cz), 1,742; 13, T Martin (US), 1,685; 14, M Gustafsson (Swe), 1,586; 15, R Krajicek (Holl), 1,572. Leading British players: 97, J Bates, 482; 122, C Wilkinson, 343; 182, C Bailey, 245; 183, M Petchey, 244; 189, A Foster, 197; 345, N Gould, 77; 400, M MacLagan, 61.

Women's game in dire need of tonic

FROM BARRY WOOD IN NEW YORK

A SHADOW hung over the final of the Virginia Slims championships here on Sunday as Steffi Graf completed a lacklustre victory over Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in a match symptomatic of the ailments afflicting women's tennis.

The enforced absence of Monica Seles, the former world No 1, has left an indelible mark and it was indicative of a traumatic year that the players in the match that brought the season to a close were suffering and below their best.

Graf, who eased to a 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 victory, had been taking injections to combat pain from a back injury, and Sánchez Vicario felt close to collapse after playing two lengthy matches in the previous two days and required medical attention to combat her exhaustion.

Graf undoubtedly benefited from the prolonged absence of Seles, but tennis did not. Seles played only four tournaments during the year, including victory in the Australian Open and the Virginia Slims of Chicago, before her season was abruptly halted when she was stabbed during her quarter-final match in Hamburg by Guēnther Parche, who received an outrageous two-year suspended sentence that is the subject of an appeal.

The Women's Tennis Association (WTA), partly as a result of Seles's absence, failed to provide the contracted number of leading players at numerous events throughout the year, and paid compensation of $422,000 (about £285,000) to the tournaments.

Indeed, there were so many injuries and illnesses towards the end of the year that the tour almost ground to a standstill. Seles was joined on the sick list by Graf (foot surgery), Gabriela Sabatini (shoulder), Mary Joe Fernandez (abdominal surgery), Jennifer Capriati (elbow), Sánchez Vicario (rash) and Magdalena Maleeva (flu). Conchita Martinez lost last week in New York largely because of a back muscle injury.

An embarrassing blow was dealt when Kraft, the leading sponsor of the tour, decided to withdraw from its contract a year early. Billie Jean King, the founder of the women's Tour, was critical of many of the players for not doing enough to encourage sponsorship.

"The WTA could go through a crisis in the next two or three years," King, who celebrated her fiftieth birthday yesterday, said. She believes there are too many players prepared to take the money and run without giving anything back.

"It started to go downhill in 1985, and right now there's a lack of leadership, a lack of player involvement. They're losing sponsors, and they wouldn't if they had treated them properly," she added.

"Somehow the top leadership has to get the top players together again and have them spend time with each other to help develop the game so it evolves in the way it should."

While the search continues for a major new sponsor, restructuring has taken place in the boardroom in an effort to market women's tennis more effectively.

From December 1, four players, four worldwide tournament representatives and two representatives from the International Tennis Federation will form the new governing body. They have a heavy agenda.



KATHY WILLENS

Graf, the world No 1, needed pain-killing injections before beating Sánchez Vicario in New York on Sunday

Parrott benefits from the comforts of home

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN Parrott tends to reserve his best snooker performances for the Preston Guild Hall, and another victory at his favourite venue appeared likely yesterday when he built a 5-3 lead over David Roe after the first session of their third-round match for a place in the quarter-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship.

Parrott, winner of the UK title in 1991 and runner-up to Jimmy White in the championship last year, is a home bird. He regards the fact that he can commute to the event from his Merseyside abode as a blessing.

His relaxed frame of mind was obvious during a 9-2 dismissal of Tony Knowles in the previous round and it was again evident as he weathered a sustained break-building burst from Roe, the world No 16, in the early stages yesterday.

Parrott, who has failed to win a tournament since the Dubai Classic 13 months ago, set the pattern for a free-flowing contest by compiling a break of 120 in the first frame. Roe, 28, from Derby, responded with a run of 78 in the second.

However, the highlight of the afternoon was still to come as in the fourth frame, Roe constructed a magnificent 140 total clearance, including fine pots on both the yellow and the pink.

It was the highest break of the championship, making Roe the frontrunner for a £3,000 bonus, and the highest of his seven-year professional career.

Contributions of 44 from Parrott and 61 from Roe guaranteed that the following two frames were shared, taking the score to 3-3. At that point, Roe was cueing sweetly enough to suggest that he would pose the world No 2 serious problems.

Roe would be the first to admit, though, that he has not been the most efficient player when it comes to striking home an advantage. He has a reputation as a "choker" and, in the last two seasons he has squandered a string of near-certain wins.

The most recent of these collapses was in the last 32 of the Skoda grand prix four weeks ago, when Roe lost 5-4 to Mark Flowerdew, ranked 166 in the world, after leading 4-3 and by 46 points in the eighth frame with two reds remaining.

This inability to perform as normal under pressure manifested itself in the seventh frame against Parrott.

Roe led 31-0 but missed a red to a baulk pocket. He potted only one more ball as Parrott moved 4-3 ahead and a number of half-chances eluded him in the closing frame of the session as the 1991 world champion went into the interval relieved and holding a two-frame lead.

On the adjoining table, the tempo, and indeed quality, provided a total contrast as Terry Griffiths and Dean Reynolds played out a turgid session that lasted 4hr 13min.

Reynolds, appearing in the last 16 of a ranking tournament for the first time since last year's UK championship, won a 51-minute first frame on the black after trailing 70-0, fell 4-2 in arrears but took the last two frames of the session to draw level at 4-4 overnight.

SCORES: Third round: Sunday: S Davis bt A Drago (Malta), 9-3, S Hendry (Scot) bt M Clark (Eng), 9-5. Yesterday: T Griffiths (Wales) level with D Reynolds (Eng), 4-4, J Parrott (Eng) leads D Roe (Eng), 5-3.

Integration proposals could split Paralympic movement

Alix Ramsay, in the first of three articles on the struggle for recognition facing disability sport, highlights an issue causing bad feeling

After the success of the Games in Barcelona last year it seemed the Paralympics could only go from strength to strength to become bigger and better in Atlanta. But with three years to go before the opening ceremony, the athletes, the organising committee and the governing body seem to be at loggerheads over an issue that threatens to split the Paralympic movement.

A year ago the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the international governors of the Games, decided in principle to include athletes with learning difficulties in Atlanta. The numbers would be limited to around 150 and the events would be few — athletics, swimming and possibly basketball — but the presence of the mentally handicapped would officially incorporate them with the physically disabled under the disability sport banner.

The decision was met with hostility by the physically disabled, who felt their Games were being undermined, while for the Atlanta organisers it posed a huge problem. The proposed integration would bring them into direct conflict with the American organisation for the mentally handicapped, Special Olympics.

Special Olympics was founded in the 1960s by Eunice Kennedy-Shriver. In 30 years it has grown into a major international organisation primarily concerned with participation sport for the mentally handicapped. In this it is totally separate from the Paralympic emphasis on elite competition.

Special Olympics has a vast fund-raising network in the United States with sponsors who are also likely to be involved in the backing of both the Olympics and the Paralympics. Earlier this year the Atlanta organisers warned the IPC that they had received less than veiled threats from Special Olympics to the effect that, if the mentally handicapped took part in the Paralympics, they would force major sponsors to withdraw their support for the Games.

Special Olympics has now backed down and claims it will do nothing actively to discourage participation by the mentally handicapped, but it will do nothing to encourage it either. It made the same claim over the 1992 Games when the mentally handicapped had a separate Paralympics in Madrid.

While Special Olympics did not ban its athletes from going to Madrid, it encouraged them to attend its own events in Barcelona a couple of weeks later. To attract the athletes, that event was upgraded from a national Games to an international event. At the time the move was seen as a deliberate attempt to deflect attention from the Paralympics and the most noticeable absentee from Madrid was the American team. Marketing the Atlanta Paralympics is the biggest problem facing the organisers. Special Olympics is such a huge force in the United States that the public — and the sponsors — see it as an organisation dealing with all disability sport.

As so many companies already pour money into Special Olympics, the Atlanta organisers fear there will be nothing left for the Paralympics. And Special Olympics will not support the Paralympics either in kind or in hard cash.

It all adds fuel to the arguments of the physically disabled against integration. So divided is opinion that the IPC has launched a worldwide survey to discover the views of athletes, coaches and organisers alike.

In the meantime they are planning to use the world championships in Berlin next year as a dress rehearsal. As an experiment a few mentally handicapped athletes will go to Berlin and, depending on the success or failure of the attempted integration, a final decision will be taken on Atlanta.

However, this too, has caused problems. Those involved in the demonstration wheelchair races in Stuttgart during the summer signed an open letter in opposition to integration in Berlin. In Britain the wheelchair athletes and swimmers have already launched campaigns opposing integration in Atlanta.

In Britain the mentally handicapped are represented by the United Kingdom Sports Association (UKSA) while at international level they are governed by INASFMH.

The heads of both organisations are understandably disappointed by the reaction against integration. In their view the mentally handicapped are just another disability group like the blind, the amputees and the paraplegics. "I can't understand the rationale in keeping them out," Roger Biggs, director of UKSA, said.

Bernard Atha, president of INASFMH, is more outspoken in his condemnation of those opposing integration. "What disgusts me is the way many disabled people are applying the same prejudice to the mentally handicapped that they complain of being applied to them," he said. "We are working to overcome prejudice in relation to sex, race and creed. Now we must get rid of it in disability."

But the fears of the athletes are not just based in prejudice. In Seoul and again in Barcelona they proved that their athletic ability came before their disability and convinced the crowds — who came in their tens of thousands — that they were elite sportsmen, professional and dedicated in their attitude to their sport.

Their fear now is that, by including the mentally handicapped, the public's perception of disability sport will revert to the condescending — if well meaning — attitudes of ten years ago.

☐ *Tomorrow: the arguments over defining disability.*



Atha condemns those who oppose integration

England's best performers undermined by Khans

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KARACHI

HOPES of an English player reaching the final of the world open squash championship for the first time were dashed here yesterday by the great Khans of Pakistan.

The close-knit England camp, driven hard by Jonah Barrington, the director of excellence, even dared dream of a world champion after Peter Marshall and Chris Walker had, uniquely, provided England with two semi-finalists.

But Jahangir, six times world champion and ten times British Open champion, defeated Walker, the England No 2, 15-7, 15-5, 9-15, 15-4 in 50 minutes, and Jansher, the title-holder, accounted for Marshall, the England No 1, 15-5, 15-6, 15-8, in 48 minutes.

Walker, 26, tested Jahangir, three years older, only in the third game, when he managed to force a few errors. "Otherwise, I could not follow most of what he was doing with the ball," Walker said. "I was a bit frenetic at the start because I knew I would get nothing out of the referees here and I had to chase every ball. I thought I had a hold on the match in the third and came out to do the same thing in the fourth, only to find him playing a totally different game.

"You could say this was my worst world open semi-final performance," the England No 2 added in wry acknowledgment of his first visit to such heights.

Marshall had little to say during his match, and less after. Still suffering from a feverish condition developed since arriving in Pakistan, he was unable to generate the same kind of challenge to Jansher that he managed in the semi-finals in Qatar a week ago.

The final today will be an all-Pakistan affair for only the third time. Jahangir defeated Qamar Zaman here in 1984 and Jansher in Amsterdam in 1988.

The game, however, means much more in the mythology of Pakistan squash. Jahangir's legend goes back to 1979, when he appeared from nowhere to win the world amateur title at the age of 15 in New Zealand. Jansher appeared in 1987 as a 17-year-old and dared to defeat his revered compatriot nine times in ten meetings before Jahangir stopped him in Amsterdam.

Jansher won his last encounter with Jahangir, the final of the Pakistan Open last year. But Jahangir, who came out of retirement for one last time to play for his country in these championships, will be attempting to finish in front of Jansher in head-to-head encounters.

In tournament play they stand at 18-18 and in all matches, 21-21. So there is everything to play for at the Asif Nawaz complex today.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Marshall (Eng), 15-5, 15-6, 15-6; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt C Walker (Eng), 15-7, 15-5, 9-15, 15-4.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY
25 EFFIE ROAD, LONDON SW6 1EE. Street collection (METROPOLITAN POLICE AREA) on 29th May 1993 raised £57295.06 after expenses of £1040.33.
In accordance with permit regulations, Auditor's Certificates are being sent to the offices of the Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EASTMAN HOLDINGS LIMITED
Company Number: 2842680
As part of the corporate re-structuring of Eastman Kodak Company's chemical business in the UK in preparation for the demerger of that business, the business of Eastman Holdings Limited, together with its shares in Eastman Chemical Echosa Limited, has been transferred to N.C.E. Limited (now re-named Eastman Chemical Echosa Limited ("ECEL"). Eastman Holdings shares in Kodak Limited have been transferred to N.K.O. Limited. Both N.K.O. Limited and ECEL are wholly owned subsidiaries of Eastman Kodak Company, a company incorporated in the United States of America. As an integral part of the re-structuring Eastman Holdings Limited was put into solvent liquidation by the members of the company on 19 November 1993. As such, all creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be, paid in full.

LEGAL NOTICES

The notice that follows below is purely formal and is required pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, applicable in the United Kingdom, giving creditors notice of the liquidators' appointment and the time creditors should take to register any claim they may have against Eastman Holdings Limited.
On 18 November 1993 Eastman Holdings Limited was placed into members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yarbrough Setchim and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL were appointed joint liquidators by the members.
The joint liquidators give notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of their debts or claims against the company, to the liquidators at the above address by 14 December 1993. The liquidators also given notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
Eastman Holdings Limited is able to pay all known creditors in full.
Please note that this solvent liquidation involves only Eastman Holdings Limited. No other members of the Eastman Kodak Group are affected other than as described in this notice.
Dated this 19th day of November 1993.
RVY Setchim, Joint Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HAYDON VENTILATION LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Forte Crest Hotel, Filton Road, Hambrook, Bristol, BS16 1QX on Monday 13th December 1993 at 2.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99-101 of the said Act.
Notice is further given that G H Whitbourne FCA of Glen Whitbourne, 19A Cavendish Square, London, W1M 9AB is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held will furnish creditors free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(b) of the said Act.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the Company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated this 12th November 1993
By order of the Board
of Directors
Andrew Beattie, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THERMASEAL (BEDFORD) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 17 December 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Dower Road, Royston, Herts SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(b) of the said Act who will furnish creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 18th day of November 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A.G. D'Arras, DIRECTOR.

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2594406.
Name of company: TSI (Electronics) Plc. Nature of business: Distributors of Head Control Units. Address of registered office: Trevion House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1LQ. Type of Liquidation: Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevion House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002585. Date of appointment: 17 November 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 17 November 1993.

WESTMINSTER PROPERTY (DEVELOPMENTS) LIMITED
WESTMINSTER PROPERTY GROUP (ESTATES) LIMITED
WESTMINSTER PROPERTY OVERSEAS LIMITED
EAGLEMOOR LIMITED
WESTMINSTER PROPERTY GROUP (VIRGINIA WATER) LIMITED
(ALL IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 694 of the Companies Act 1985 that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at 10.15 am on 18 February 1994 at 66 Cricklad Priory, London EC3N 2NP for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up.
Date 19 November 1993
C MORRIS, Liquidator
WESTMINSTER PROPERTY (DEVELOPMENTS) LIMITED
WESTMINSTER PROPERTY GROUP (ESTATES) LIMITED
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Holland prepare for Cruyff's Spanish inquisition

KEITH PIKE
Overseas Football

TO A nation such as England, whose Football Association has so far refused to punish failure, Holland's World Cup management strategy has been perplexing indeed. Dick Advocaat may have guided the Dutch to their place in the finals, but Johann Cruyff will be in charge when the serious business gets under way next summer. Events at the weekend have shed some light on their reasoning.

Holland's qualification, at England's expense, was not achieved without disconcerting rumblings in the Dutch camp, most notably from the ageing if still awesome Ruud Gullit, who had refused to play out of position for Advocaat. A firmer hand would be needed in the United States, and Cruyff revealed his yesterday.

The Barcelona coach, unwilling to accept excuses for their home defeat against Lerida — their first in the Nou Camp for more than two years — promptly fined the entire team.

Cruyff had hoped to keep news of the punishment secret, and refused to elaborate on the size of the fine when his actions were made public, but his subsequent statement left nobody in any doubt of his management style.

"If someone thought it [news of the fine] should come out and decided to reveal it, as it seems has happened, then that is a problem for the squad," he said. "Their attitude was a disaster for professionals like them."

Nine of the side, beaten 1-0 by the team who are bottom of the Spanish league, had been involved in World Cup qualifying matches during the week, but Cruyff was unimpressed. "I don't buy the excuse that they were tired," he said.

"It is very hard to say who played the worst. Players cannot be allowed out with this attitude. All this means some players will not be here at the end of the season."

Barcelona are one of six teams on 16 points at the top of the table, with Sevilla leading on goal difference, but Cruyff's team will have to show considerable improvement tomorrow, when they play the first of their European Cup Champions' League matches against Galatasaray, the conquerors of Manchester United, in Istanbul.

Cruyff will not be the only Dutchman leading a side in the States. Leo Beenhakker, who coached Holland from 1986 through to Italia '90, has been put in charge of the Saudi Arabia team.

Beenhakker led Real Madrid to three Spanish league titles and Ajax to the same number of Dutch championships. His appointment was announced by Prince Faisal bin Fahd, chairman of the Saudi football federation.

The Saudis qualified along with South Korea from the Asian tournament in Qatar last month, despite losing their coach, José Candido, along the way. He had been dismissed when he refused to compromise over team selection.

Misfortune continues to follow those associated with Marseilles, the disgraced and debt-ridden European champions. Paulo Futre, transferred to Reggiana last week by the French club, was five minutes from completing a successful debut in the Italian league — he had scored in their 2-0 win over Cremonese — when he tore knee ligaments. He may not play for three months.

It completed an unhappy week for Futre, who had failed on Wednesday to help Portugal from preventing Italy secure their place in the World Cup finals.

A spectacular goal from a last-minute free kick enabled AC Milan to come from behind and beat a spirited Napoli side 2-1. They stay level on points with Parma, who they play next week, at the top of the Italian league.

Neal poised to become manager of Coventry

By Our Sports Staff

PHIL Neal, the former Liverpool and England defender, will today be confirmed as the new manager of Coventry City.

Neal has been caretaker manager at Highfield Road for the past four weeks since Bobby Gould's sudden decision to resign after Coventry's 5-1 defeat at Queens Park Rangers on October 23.

Since then Coventry have been unbeaten in three Premiership games, drawing 0-0 with Sheffield United, beating Everton 2-1 at home and forcing a goalless draw against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Saturday.

Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England forward, was at the centre of a new storm yesterday over comments allegedly made to a linesman with a deformed arm. Wright has been reported to the Football Association by Richard Saunders, the official concerned, after an incident in a Coca-Cola Cup third-round match against Norwich City at Highbury last month.

The referee, Allan Gunn, was aware of Wright's alleged remarks, but did not refer the matter to the FA because Wright made repeated apologies during the game.

Wright was fined £5,000 by the FA at the start of the season for an obscene gesture to a linesman in the FA Cup final replay against Sheffield Wednesday last season. His previous record also shows a £1,500 fine for gestures to the crowd during a league game at Oldham Athletic and a three-match ban when television cameras caught him throwing a punch at David Howells, of Tottenham Hotspur.

Asa Hartford, the former Scotland international, has become Joe Jordan's assistant at Stoke City. Hartford, 43, had been coaching the reserve team at Blackburn Rovers. His clubs included West Bromwich Albion, Everton and Manchester City.

Celtic directors hit back yesterday at the consortium hoping to take over the club. The move comes ahead of an extraordinary general meeting on Friday at which the group will propose an increase in the nominal share capital. But Kevin Kelly, the Celtic chairman, said in a letter to shareholders that the effect of the rebels' proposal to issue new shares at £60 each would be to value Celtic at just £1.2 million.

Kelly said: "I am sure I am not the only person who believes that Celtic Football Club is worth more than £1.2 million. I do not think it is over-optimistic for me to suggest that our first team pool would realistically be valued in the range £8 million to £10 million at the present time, or £400 to £500 per share."

Simon Stainrod has left the Scottish League premier division side, Dundee, after almost two years at the club. Stainrod lost control of team affairs to Jim Duffy earlier this season, being appointed director of football operations by the Dens Park outfit.

Gordon Durie will sign for Rangers today after a day of financial wrangling with Tottenham which had put the £1.2 million deal in jeopardy. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, put pressure on Durie by declaring: "When I make a player an offer, I expect a quick answer." The Scotland striker is expected to make his first appearance for Rangers at Partick Thistle on Saturday.

Snow and ice have caused the postponement of Gillingham's FA Cup first-round replay with the Diadora League club, Yeading, tonight.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Hughes speaking at yesterday's London press conference where he outlined proposed new coaching regulations for schoolboys

Tactician whose plans split football

Peter Ball charts the career of the FA employee being blamed for many of the ills affecting the English game

Charles Hughes, the Football Association's director of coaching and education, may not be at the root of all the ills of English football, but there are plenty of people ready to blame him anyway.

Hughes, author of the controversial coaching proposals published yesterday, has been credited with almost mythical powers by opponents and is regarded with hostility in much of the professional game. Publicly, he is seen as the ideologue of the long-ball game.

Hughes himself has insisted that that is a misrepresentation of his ideas, but the thrust of his arguments, presented in his book and video series, *The Winning Formula*, with a plethora of statistical support, make the misrepresentation, if such it is, understandable.

Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United, who as an FA staff coach worked with Hughes when Alan Wade was director of coaching, said: "It is a very difficult to argue against, because it is backed up by a lot of statistics, and some people think it is the whole recipe, and maybe he thinks it is the whole recipe."

John Cartwright, a much respected coach who resigned as director of the National School at Lilleshall in protest at the methods he was expected to teach, said: "Hughes is a great politician. Whenever he is questioned, he moves the goalposts. When I started he said that the best way to score a goal was with three passes. When the criticism opened up, he changed it to five."

There is little doubt that Hughes is an outstanding politician in the FA's corridors of power, becoming increasingly powerful. He was widely believed to be the author, and in many areas the driving force, behind the FA's *Blueprint For The Future of Football*, which launched the introduction of the Premier League.

He was recruited from Leigh Grammar School by Wade and became manager of the England amateur and British Olympic teams. That part of his job became redundant when open football arrived, when he had a record of only 13 defeats in 85 internationals. He replaced Wade as head of coaching in 1984.

"He is a very, very intelligent, astute analytical political animal with a super acumen for survival," one of his old colleagues said. "He has a lawyer's grasp of argument, but none of that is encompassed by any imagination or feeling for atmosphere, emotion or passion. I've never heard him talk about cinema, art or literature." But along with his lawyer's mind and command of statistics, there is a flamboyant streak. Hughes once turned up at Lilleshall to conduct coaching courses in a Rolls-Royce.

Once Wade had gone, Hughes's influence grew. He was instrumental, with Bobby Robson, then England manager, in setting up the National School at Lilleshall, and subsequently the Centres of Excellence based on the clubs. His precepts on the game became the accepted orthodoxy. It is that which has provoked the greatest arguments about his place in the game, with critics like Cartwright insisting that his removal from power is essential. But not everyone takes that view.

"Everything is wrong with the way we teach our footballers," Dario Gradi, the Crewe Alexandra manager, said. "But Charles Hughes is getting all the stick. He is a lone voice in the desert, and no one else has got a grip on what is going on."

Pontypool facing replay of worst nightmare

By Our Sports Staff

PONTYPOOL must return to the scene of their most humiliating defeat when they play Cardiff in the fourth round of the Swalec Cup on December 18. It is less than a month since they were thrashed by 78-0 in the Heineken League at the Arms Park.

Cardiff, whose defeat by St Peter's, of the third division, in last season's fifth round provided one of Welsh rugby's biggest upsets, were among the unseeded clubs for the first time when the draw was made last night.

Their game with Pontypool is the only all first-division match. The winners will have home advantage in the fifth round against either Oakdale or Builth Wells.

Another first division side, Pontypridd, have a difficult match against Treorchy (Rhondda), runaway leaders of division two. Treorchy are coached by Clive and Chris Jones, who have performed similar roles at Sardis Road, and have four former Pontypridd players in their ranks.

In the only previous cup meeting between the sides, in 1979, Pontypridd ran out 9-0 winners at Treorchy.

Swansea, the first division leaders, will entertain Ebbw Vale.

SWALEC CUP: Draw for fourth and fifth rounds: Group 1: *Bonymaen v Tonyrefail, Tondu v Newport Saracens. Group 2: *Dunvant v Mountain Ash; Abercarn v Pyle. Group 3: *Ynysybwl v South Wales Police; Caerphilly v Hendy. Group 4: Llantrisant v Llanelli; *Kidwelly v Machen. Group 5: St Peter's v Abercrave, *Tenby United v Blackwood. Group 6: *Pontypridd v Treorchy (Rhondda), Rhiwbina v Aberavon. Group 7: Cardiff Quins v Nantymoel, *Wattstown v Narberth. Group 8: *Bridgend v Penarth; Rumney v Felinfoel.
Group 9: *Cardiff v Pontypool, Oakdale v Builth Wells. Group 10: Cross Keys v Glamorgan Wanderers; *Crumlin v Maesteg. Group 11: Abertillery v Neath; *Abercynon v Pencoed. Group 12: *Wrexham v Newbridge; Llanharan v Chepstow.
Group 13: Talywain v Cardiff Institute; *Maesteg Celtic v Rhymney. Group 14: Fairwater v Newport; *Ystradgynlais v Glynneath. Group 15: *Swansea v Ebbw Vale, Old Penarthians v Seven Sisters. Group 16: *New Dock Stars v Llandovery; Mold v Beddau.
☐ Fourth round to be played on December 18, fifth round on January 22.
* winners drawn at home in fifth round

☐ THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) and New Zealand's tour management have officially closed debate on the incident at Redruth when Phil de Glanville, playing for the South West against the All Blacks, was so badly hurt in a rucking incident that he needed 15 stitches to a facial injury.

After representatives of both sides had met in London on Sunday night under the chairmanship of Peter Brook, a former referee, a statement was issued that had been agreed between the tour management, Brook, Ian Beer, president of the RFU, and Don Rutherford, the RFU technical director.

It read: "In the coaching and playing of the game, the intention of rucking is to get the ball by driving over it and raking it back. It is not the intention to deliberately trample on players and all players are coached to avoid contact with the head. That practice is abhorred by all of us."

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

EGHAM TROPHY: First round: South Tyneside 98, Gateshead 65. Dalston 60, Hartlepool 99; Consett 58, Darlington 105; Shildon 60, Tynedale 101; Houghton 72, Concordia 88; Scunthorpe 85, Selby 86 (after extra end); York 84, North Cave 72; Hull 74, Swinton 90, Barnsley 63, Richardsons 99; Rushcliffe 70, Addlethorpe 84, South Forest 98, Leicester 50; Newark 80, Goding 77; Barwell 102, Louth 61, Charnwood 77, Grantham 97, Melton Mowbray 65, Nottingham 97, Northampton 84, Wellingborough 73.

St Neots 93, Kettering 72; City of Ely 100, March 60; Peterborough 43, Kingsthorpe 106, Mid-Suffolk 50, Ipswich 103, Wymondham Dell 101, Kirkley Park 76; Browston Hall 61, County Arts 83, Norfolk and Norwich 75, Sole Bay 72, Beccles 90, Acle 66, Pickets Lock 71, Cheshunt 74, Watford 58, Desborough 88, Stevenage 83, Westminster 74, Harpenden 67, Herts Ladies 108, Oxford City and County 93, Henga 61, Cherwell 89, Luton 75, Avon Valley 72, Birmingham 85.

Rugby Thornfield 84, Park Hall 74, Bentham 92, Gloucester 63, Cotswold 114, Tamworth 67, East Dorset 96, Dolphin 78, Banister Park 63, Isle of Purbeck 76; Isle of Wight 77, Five Rivers 68, Atherley 90, Moonfleet 57, British Cellophane 82, Yeovil 77; Mendip 69, Clevedon 87, Minehead 89, Taunton 88, Dunyatt 89, Bristol 58, Honiton 41, Teignbridge 140, Veryan 59, Bodmin 102, Torbay 96, Kingsley 71, Plymouth CS 104, Adbrook Park 49, Caradon 62, West Cornwall 82.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: New South Wales 227 and 268-7 dec (M A Taylor 50, S R Waugh 122), Victoria 233 and 263-9 (D M Jones 72, B Hodge 92). Victoria won by 1 wicket.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: North Eastern CCA (South Shields, 12 miles). 1, S Tyson (Hartlepool CC), 1hr 14min 0sec. Bronte Wheelers (Keighley, 9 miles). 1, R Thackray (Bradford Olympic RC), 52:50. Glenmarnock Wheelers (Glasgow, 15 miles). 1, S Alderson (Penicuik RT), 1:06 16. Redhill CC (Dorking, 11 miles). 1, S Blunt (Wembley RC), 57 34. Lincoln Wheelers (10 miles). 1, C Buckle (Sleaford Wheelers), 1:00 11. Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers (14 miles). 1, J Norfolk (VC St Raphael), 1.10 00. Aero BC (Brentwood, Essex, 10.5 miles). 1, R Eden (Covent Garden Cycles), 1.04:37. Heanor Clarion (Derby, 10 miles). 1, D Barnett (Ace RT), 47 37. Northern Ireland CCA League (Ballymena, 10 miles): 1, L Nelson (Ballymena RC), 51.00.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Week 12: Chicago 19, Kansas City 17, New York Jets 17, Cincinnati 12; Atlanta 27, Dallas 14, Green Bay 26, Detroit 17, Houston 27, Cleveland 20; Buffalo 23, Indianapolis 9, Miami 17, New England 13, Los Angeles Raiders 12, San Diego 7. New York Giants 7, Philadelphia 3, Denver 37, Pittsburgh 13, Los Angeles Rams 10, Washington 6; Tampa Bay 23, Minnesota 10.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	3	2	195	129
Miami Dolphins	8	2	218	172
NY Jets	6	4	234	170
Indianapolis Colts	3	7	154	233
New Eng Patriots	1	9	126	217
Central division				
Houston Oilers	6	4	233	177
Pittsburgh Steelers	6	4	228	173
Cleveland Browns	5	5	188	208
Cincinnati Bengals	0	10	112	241
West division				
Kansas City Chiefs	7	3	181	163
Denver Broncos	6	4	266	188
LA Raiders	6	4	184	185
Seattle Seahawks	5	5	165	169
San Diego Chargers	4	6	164	195

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas Cowboys	7	3	220	153
NY Giants	7	3	187	121
Phila Eagles	4	6	158	198
Phoenix Cardinals	3	7	183	176
Washn Redskins	2	8	151	239
Central division				
Detroit Lions	7	3	204	166
Green Bay Packers	6	4	225	178
Chicago Bears	5	5	161	141
Minnesota Vikings	5	5	165	200
Tampa Bay Bucs	3	7	143	261
West division				
New Orleans Saints	8	3	200	173
San Fran 49ers	6	3	255	179
Atlanta Falcons	4	6	211	236
LA Rams	3	7	141	211

☐ Does not include last night's game: New Orleans at San Francisco

FIXTURES: Week 13: Thursday: Chicago at Detroit; Miami at Dallas. Sunday: Buffalo at Kansas City; Cleveland at Atlanta; Denver at Seattle; LA Raiders at Cincinnati, New Orleans at Minnesota, NY Jets at New England, Philadelphia at Washington; Phoenix at NY Giants; San Francisco at LA Rams, Tampa Bay at Green Bay; Pittsburgh at Houston. Monday: San Diego at Indianapolis.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey 105 Los Angeles Lakers 102, Detroit 103 Philadelphia 89; Sacramento 103 Chicago 101; Portland 103 Dallas 90

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	2	.778	—
Boston	6	3	.667	1
Orlando	5	4	.556	2
Washington	4	4	.500	2½
Miami	3	4	.429	3
New Jersey	4	6	.400	3½
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	4½
Central division				
Charlotte	6	3	.667	—
Atlanta	5	4	.556	1
Detroit	5	4	.556	1
Chicago	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	6	.333	3
Indiana	2	6	.250	3½
Milwaukee	1	8	.111	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	0	1.000	—
Utah	7	3	.700	2½
Denver	4	4	.500	4½
San Antonio	5	5	.500	4½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	6½
Dallas	1	8	.111	8
Pacific division				
Seattle	8	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	6	2	.750	2
Portland	5	4	.556	3½
LA Clippers	4	4	.500	4
Sacramento	4	5	.444	4½
Golden State	3	5	.375	5
LA Lakers	3	7	.300	6

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 72, Manchester 112

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v West Ham.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Postponed: First division: Liverpool v Blackburn, Sheffield Utd v York. Second division: Middlesbrough v Tranmere, Scunthorpe v Bradford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Taunton v Saltash.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Banfield 1, Platense 1. Gimnasia y Esgrima 1, San Lorenzo de Almagro 1. Velez Sarsfield 0, Racing Club 2. Gimnasia y Tiro de Salta 2, Ferro Carril Oeste 2. Independiente 0, Deportivo Español 0. Huracan 3, Estudiantes de La Plata 1. River Plate 2, Lanus 0; Rosario Central 1, Boca Juniors 1. Argentinos Juniors 0, Deportivo Mandiyu 0.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final stage: Group one: Corinthians 3, Santos 2; Vitoria 1, Flamengo 0. Group two: Palmeiras 1, São Paulo 1; Guarani 0, São Paulo 1.

GOLF

THOUSAND OAKS, California: Shark Shootout: Final scores (US unless stated): 188: R Floyd and S Elkington (Aus), 62, 64, 62. 189: H Irwin and B Lietzke, 63, 65, 61. M O'Meara and C Strange, 64, 65, 60. M Calcavecchia and B Faxon, 62, 68, 59. T Kite and D Love, 63, 70, 56. 191: G Norman (Aus) and N Price (Zim), 67, 69, 55. C Beck and C Pavin, 64, 68, 59.

JUDO

PAPENDAL, Holland: European Junior championships: Under-48kg class: Bronze medal: J Brien (GB)

RACKETS

NOEL BRUCE CUP: Third round: Eton bt Tonbridge II 15-5, 15-1, 15-6, 15-1; Tonbridge II bt Clifton 15-5, 15-8, 15-2, 15-3; Wellington bt Tonbridge IV 15-4, 15-2, 15-0, 15-4; Tonbridge bt Wellington II 17-14, 15-12, 15-0, 15-4, Harrow bt Winchester II 15-16, 15-12, 15-7, 15-9, 15-11; Haileybury bt Winchester 11-15, 15-11, 12-15, 15-10, 11-15, 15-5, 15-8, Malvern bt Eton II 14-17, 12-15, 15-5, 15-12, 5-15, 15-8, 15-7; Marlborough bt Rugby 15-4, 18-13, 15-7, 15-4. Quarter-finals: Eton bt Tonbridge II 15-2, 15-5, 15-9, 15-2; Tonbridge bt Wellingborough 15-9, 15-10, 15-8, 17-14; Harrow bt Haileybury 15-11, 15-4, 15-8, 15-11; Marlborough bt Malvern 15-1, 15-10, 15-2, 15-0

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE

First division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southgate	8	5	1	0	17	2	16
Hounslow	6	5	1	0	16	3	16
Havant	6	4	1	1	14	8	13
Cannock	7	3	4	0	14	8	13
Teddington	6	4	1	1	13	10	13
O Loughtonians	6	3	3	0	20	9	12
E Grinstead	7	3	2	2	12	10	11
Stourport	7	3	1	3	8	6	10
Reading	7	3	1	3	12	13	10
Bournville	7	3	0	4	12	10	9
Trojans	7	2	1	4	14	16	7
Firebrands	6	2	1	3	5	13	7
Welton	6	2	1	3	6	13	7
Indian Gym	7	1	3	3	8	10	6
Slough	7	1	1	5	3	16	4
Bromley	6	1	0	5	5	13	3
St Albans	6	1	0	5	5	19	3
Canterbury	5	0	2	3	7	12	2

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: George Wimpey British open championship: First round: P Tabley bt T Heughan, 6-1, 6-5, 6-2; F Willis bt N Pendrigh, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; A Phillips and B McFarlane, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. Second round: M Devine bt F Willis, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4. British Land British open doubles championship: L Deuchar and R Fahey bt S Ronaldson and A Snelgrove, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; C Lumley and A Phillips bt R Gunn and T Heughan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; M Devine and K Sheldon bt A Curley and H Latham, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0, C Bray and M Gooding bt F Ludekens and D Oliver, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3; J Howell and P Tabley bt P Brake and M Hayward, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1, N Pendrigh and J Acheson-Gray bt D Jones and B McFarlane, 6-5, 6-1, 6-2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Islanders 5 Philadelphia 4 (OT); Buffalo 6 San Jose 5, St Louis 2 Detroit 2 (OT), Dallas 7 Los Angeles 4; Anaheim 4 Edmonton 2

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
NY Rangers	14	5	2	30	78	55
New Jersey	14	5	0	28	73	48
Philadelphia	13	9	1	27	99	96
Florida	8	10	3	19	60	65
Washington	9	11	0	18	57	65
NY Islanders	7	12	1	15	70	72
Tampa Bay	5	14	2	12	49	67
Northeast division						
Pittsburgh	11	7	4	26	78	78
Boston	10	4	6	26	68	51
Montreal	10	7	3	23	58	49
Quebec	7	11	2	16	74	73
Buffalo	7	11	1	15	72	75
Ottawa	5	11	2	12	67	97
Hartford	4	14	2	10	54	82

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Toronto	15	3	4	34	85	57
St Louis	12	4	4	28	66	58
Dallas	11	8	4	26	83	74
Chicago	10	8	2	22	68	59
Winnipeg	8	11	3	19	73	83
Detroit	8	9	2	18	75	70
Pacific division						
Calgary	14	5	3	31	84	68
Vancouver	12	7	0	24	66	57
Los Angeles	9	10	2	20	80	84
San Jose	7	13	4	18	56	74
Anaheim	6	13	2	14	59	76
Edmonton	3	17	3	9	61	90

FENCING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Men's senior foil international: 1, J Garcia (Sp), 2, Y Roth (Isr); equal 3, P Kay (GB) and M Soucy (Can)

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bancroft's 20 Eltham 32. Bedford 14 Haberdashers' Aske's 0; Blundell's 3 King's, Taunton 43, Christ's Hospital 31 Caterham 10. Colston's 26 Monkton Combe 3; Cranleigh 17 Wellington (Berks) 14, Culford 18 Framlingham 3. Dean Close 17 King Edward's, Bath 0; Duke of York's 23 Dover 0, Felsted 10 Ipswich 3, Haileybury 6 Harrow 34; Kelly 17 Plymouth 6, King's, Canterbury 30 Epsom 0, King's, Rochester 35 Sutton Valence 0, King's, Worcester 24 Bromsgrove 19, Lord Wandsworth 0 St George's, Weybridge 38, Millfield 28 Monmouth 16, Nottingham HS 17 Trent 13, Pangbourne 5 Abingdon 14, Pate's GS 14 Queen Elizabeth's Hospital 10; Portsmouth GS 5 St John's 13; Prior Park 22 King's, Bruton 13, Ratcliffe 0 Loughborough GS 41, RGS Guildford 11 Reigate 13; RGS High Wycombe 30 Berkhamsted 16; RGS Lancaster 37 St Bees 6, RGS Worcester 49 Belmont Abbey 5; St John's, Southsea 9 Chichester 50, St Lawrence, Ramsgate 5 Chatham House 5; St Peter's, York 6 Durham 16, Sevenoaks 10 Tonbridge 12, Solihull 6 Cheltenham 6, The Leys 10 Bedford Modern 5, Trinity, Croydon 43 London Oratory 0, Uppingham 5 Stamford 22, Wellington (Somerset) 29 Old Boys 12, Whitgift 19 Eastbourne 9

SWIMMING

LEICESTER: Speedo British Grand Prix: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, A Clayton (City of Leeds), 50.83sec. 2, J Salter (City of Birmingham), 51 67. 3, M Bowd (Walsall), 51 98. 400m freestyle: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln), 3:50.90. 2, A Clayton (City of Leeds), 3 54 56. 3, G Smith (Stockport Metro), 3 55 93. 100m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Waltham Forest), 54.70; 2, N Willey (Barnet Copthall), 56 52; 3, T Kirk (City of Peterborough), 56.30. 50m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), 28 84. 2, R Maden (City of Leeds), 29 02. 3, P McGinty (Beckenham), 29.34. 200m medley: 1, F Walker (Warrender), 2:02 10. 2, N Gillingham 2.03 86. 3, B Rees (Wycombe), 2 07 39. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, C Huddart (City of Leeds), 56 99. 2, S Rolph (City of Newcastle), 57 08 (British junior record). 3, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 57.20. 400m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell), 4 07 97. 2, A Pendrich (Beckenham), 4 16 39. 3, V Horner (Derwentside), 4 16 48. 50m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 29 72. 2, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 29 94. 3, Z Baker (City of Leeds), 30.14. 200m breaststroke: 1, J King (Tigersharks, Swindon), 2.32 78. 2, M Hardiman (City of Birmingham), 2.33 76. 3, K Rake (Chipping Norton), 2.34 05. 100m butterfly: 1, N Goodwin (Nova Centurion), 1 03.30. 2, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 1 03 36. 3, S Greenep (Ferndown Otters), 1 03 44

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 27 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
X Arsenal v Newcastle
2 Ipswich v Blackburn
1 Leeds v Swindon
1 Man City v Sheff Wed
2 Oldham v Norwich
1 QPR v Tottenham
1 Wimbledon v Everton
Not on coupons: Coventry v Manchester United, Liverpool v Aston Villa (Sunday), Sheffield United v Chelsea; Southampton v West Ham (Monday)

FIRST DIVISION
2 Barnsley v Bolton
1 Birmingham v Tranmere
X Derby v Southend
1 Luton v Stoke
X Middlesbro v Charlton
1 Millwall v Grimsby
2 Peterborough v Bristol C
2 West Brom v Portsmouth
Not on coupons: Leicester v Wolves; Notts County v Oxford (Sunday), Sunderland v Nottingham Forest
Watford v Crystal Palace (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
1 Bristol R v Cambridge
1 Burnley v Exeter
1 Cardiff v Bradford
1 Fulham v Swansea
X Hudd'field v Brentford
1 Hull v Stockport
2 Leyton O v Blackpool
1 Plymouth v Hartlepool
1 Port Vale v Brighton
1 Reading v Bourn'm'th
1 Wrexham v York
Not on coupons: Barnet v Rotherham

THIRD DIVISION
X Bury v Darlington
1 Colchester v Carlisle
1 Crewe v Chester
2 Hereford v Doncaster
X Lincoln v Gillingham
2 Mansfield v Walsall
2 North'pton v Chest'field
X Preston v Wycombe
X Scarborough v Torquay
1 Scunthorpe v Rochdale
2 Wigan v Shrewsbury

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
X Fleetwood v Horwich
1 Marine v Winsford
1 Morecambe v Boston

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION
2 Hastings v Farnborough

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Hibernian
1 Celtic v Raith
1 Dundee v Dundee Utd
X Hearts v Motherwell
2 Partick v Rangers
X St Johnstone v Kilmarn'k

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Clydebank
2 Brechin v Clyde
1 Dumbarton v Morton
1 Dunf'mline v Ayr
1 Hamilton v Stirling
X St Mirren v Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Alloa v Forfar
X Arbroath v Albion
1 East Fife v Montrose
2 E Stirling v Cowdenb'th
1 Queen' Sth v Mead'wb'k

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Arsenal, Derby, Middlesbrough, Huddersfield, Bury, Lincoln, Scarborough, Fleetwood, Hearts, St Johnstone, St Mirren, Arbroath.
BEST DRAWS: Arsenal, Derby, Middlesbrough, Lincoln, Fleetwood.
AWAYS: Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Doncaster, Walsall.
HOMES: Leeds, Queens Park Rangers, Wimbledon, Bristol Rovers, Plymouth, Reading, Wrexham, Scunthorpe, Marine, Celtic, Dumbarton, Alloa.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leeds, Queens Park Rangers, Plymouth, Marine, Celtic. Aways: Blackburn, Bolton, Walsall. Draws: Arsenal, Derby, Lincoln.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
First round
Runcorn v Hull (7.45) (at Witton)

First round replays
Cardiff v Enfield
Chester v Bradford
Huddersfield v Telford
Marine v Stalybridge
Nuneaton v Swansea
Walsall v Wrexham (7.45)
Weston-super-Mare v Woking (7.45)
Wigan v Leek
Postponed: Gillingham v Yeading (new date, Tuesday, November 30)

FA Carling Premiership
Blackburn v Coventry (7.45) (all ticket)
Everton v Leeds

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Portsmouth v Watford (7.45)

Scottish League
Premier division
Raith v Aberdeen
First division
Clyde v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Hamilton
Second division
Berwick v Forfar

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Hereford v Newtown

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Caersws v Mold; Porthmadog v Bangor

BUDWEISER CUP: Second round (7.45). Bangor v Cliftonville, Distillery v Coleraine, Larne v Ards, Linfield v Glentoran

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: St Patrick's Ath v Bray

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Derby v Aston Villa; Notts County v Newcastle. Second division: Manchester City v Mansfield (6.45)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: QPR v Millwall (7.0) (at Harrow). Second division: Postponed: Birmingham v Swansea (frozen pitch)

FA VASE: Second round replays: Evesham v Cogenhoe, Diss v Tring, Northwood v Bedfont; Banstead v Newport, IoW. Postponed: Barnstaple v Forest Green (pending FA enquiry on ineligible player).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sittingbourne v Gresley (7.45). Midland division: Redditch v King's Lynn. Southern division: Fisher 93 v Dunstable. Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Bilston v Corby

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Knowsley, Morecambe v Chorley, Whitley Bay v Bridlington. First division: Alfreton v Harrogate. League Cup: First round replay: Gretna v Mossley. President's Cup: Second round: Barrow v Accrington Stanley

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Burscough v Newcastle Town; Flixton v Clitheroe, Salford v Glossop North End.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore v Exmouth

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v Harrow, Wokingham v Kingstonian. Second division: Barton v Lewes; Malden Vale v Hemel Hempstead; Tilbury v Met Police. Third division: Camberley v East Thurrock; Cheshunt v Cove. League Cup: Second round: Saffron Walden v Windsor and Eton. Carlsberg Cup: First round: Barking v Leyton, Bishop's Stortford v Hayes, Boreham Wood v Hitchin, Chalfont St Peter v Maidenhead; Marlow v Ruislip Manor, Staines v Basingstoke, Whyteleafe v Croydon. Carlsberg Trophy: First round: Hackwell Heath v Southall.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe v Gorleston; Haverhill v Chatteris, March Town v Newmarket; Wroxham v Lowestoft

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Second round: Belper Town v Pontefract Colliery; Glasshoughton Welfare v Lincoln United, North Ferriby v Liversedge, Pickering v Armthorpe Welfare.

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches
England Emerging Players v New Zealand XV (at Gloucester, 7.0)
Buckinghamshire v Rosario (Arg) (at Marlow)

Club matches
Bedford v Oxford University (7.15)
Exeter v Exeter University (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston)

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All-weather Flat racing accused of taking runners from National Hunt cards

Fixtures bow to artificial pressures

By Alan Lee

ALL-WEATHER racing fulfilled its principal aim yesterday, maintaining a betting income when the scheduled turf meetings were abandoned. The same may yet occur today, but the role of all-weather courses within the sport has plainly outgrown that of a winter standby and racing is heading for a split over the perceived effects.

In the past week, senior National Hunt officials, including Cheltenham's managing director, Edward Gillespie, and Haydock Park's clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, have expressed concern over the future health of jump racing in competition with all-weather Flat meetings.

Both men claim that a fall in hurdle race runners this season can largely be attributed to the popularity of winter Flat racing on artificial surfaces at Southwell and Lingfield Park, soon to be joined by a new floodlit all-weather course at Wolverhampton. The potential progression, say Gillespie and Arkwright, is that bookmakers will ask for more all-weather meetings and the Levy Board will reduce National Hunt's share of prize-money contributions, further jeopardising the sport's stature.

Yesterday, however, Mike Dillon, the spokesman for Ladbrokes, strongly countered their arguments and suggested that the fault lies with the race planners for scheduling too much jump racing. He is a firm believer in year-round Flat racing and proposes the shortening of the National Hunt season.

"Bookmakers are being blamed for the glut of meetings but it is not what we want," said Dillon. "Last Wednesday there were four jumping cards, which made no sense. On Saturday, five were scheduled, which was ridiculous. Racecourses cannot hope to fill races when so many are competing for runners.

"On a personal level, I am not attracted to all-weather racing but it certainly has a public following and is now more than just a failsafe. Punters like following Flat horses through the year and the all-weather is competitive enough to guarantee its market."

That comment is easily endorsed. Southwell's all-weather card today contains two all-aged races of more than 1¼ miles, the type likely to attract dual-purpose horses. At the five-day stage, there were 73 entries for these two races, compared to only 64 for the entire card at Huntingdon, which stages today's principal National Hunt fixture.

Last Wednesday, Haydock's seven-race card, which featured the clash between Jodami and Cab On Target, had only 37 runners. Arkwright, who is to report his fears regarding all-weather to the National Hunt committee of the British Horseracing Board, explained: "We have had small fields in chases for years, but what worries me is that the hurdles are going the same way. We can't even fill the handicaps now."

The big Saturday meeting at Aintree fared little better. Charles Barnett, the clerk of the course, hopes to stage a two-day November meeting in 1995 but he confessed to being "disappointed" that a total of only 11 horses ran in Saturday's two novice hurdles and six in two novice chases.

Dillon, however, remains unconvinced that all-weather is detracting from jump cards and believes the problem lies elsewhere. "Ladbrokes sponsored a novices handicap hurdle at Haydock last season with more than £5,000 to the winner," he said.

"I thought I had found a gap in the market because it was restricted to National Hunt-bred horses, so the all-weather had no effect whatever. But we only got seven runners and we are certainly not repeating it this year."

GRAHAM CHADWICK



Chatham Island, ridden by Brett Doyle, wins at Southwell on an afternoon when only all-weather racing defeated the elements

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ADMIRALTY WAY
(3.30 Huntingdon)

NB: Warner For Winners
(2.50 Stratford)

Cold comfort as frost hits again

THE meetings at Huntingdon and Stratford today depend on the extent of overnight frosts. Although both could have raced yesterday, another night of expected freezing temperatures puts them in jeopardy.

Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course at Huntingdon, said: "Temperatures of between -2°C and -4°C are forecast, which would not pose us problems, but if the frost was more severe we would hold an inspection early in the morning."

At Stratford, course clerk John Ford said: "We are clear of frost and snow but as there is a sharp frost forecast we will have a precautionary inspection at 7.15am."

All three of tomorrow's cards face inspections. At Hexham, where there were six inches of snow on the track yesterday, a preliminary inspection will be held at noon today, while Windsor will inspect at 2.30pm in view of forecast frost. Hereford are to hold an inspection at 2pm due to the freezing conditions.

Folkestone and Catterick yesterday were lost, bringing the number of abandoned fixtures in the last two racing days to five.

Black Humour heads depleted Hennessy market



Richards: waiting

THE smallest Hennessy Gold Cup field for almost 30 years is likely to contest Saturday's big race at Newbury (Alan Lee writes). Only ten horses remained after yesterday's five-day acceptance stage and fears that the race could cut up still further has persuaded the Tote to suspend betting.

Only twice since 1966, when Stalbridge Colonist won a six-runner race, has the Hennessy attracted fewer than double figures. There were only eight runners when Approaching won in 1978 and Ghofar in 1989 but the signs yesterday were that even fewer could run this year.

Amid dismay from the racecourse and disinterest from the bookmakers, Black Humour emerged as the likely raceday favourite. Ladbrokes make Charlie Brooks's improving nine-year-old clear market leader at 3-1, while Coral have him sharing favouritism at 7-2 with Whispering Steel from the Gordon Richards yard.

But despite a 12lb weight rise, which puts Whispering Steel on 10st 3lb and almost within the range of stable jockey Neale Doughty, Richards insists he is not a certain runner. No significant rain is forecast for Newbury before Saturday and if the ground, now officially good, becomes any faster, both Whispering Steel and Zeta's Lad, John Upson's soft-ground stayer, are likely to be pulled out.

Royal Athlete, a winner at Cheltenham ten days ago, now has to shoulder top-weight of 11st 10lb and is generally a 6-1 chance. But the weight rise has brought Martin Pipe's Rolling Ball into the handicap proper and he is as short as 4-1 with Ladbrokes.

Among yesterday's 23 withdrawals were six of the top seven in the handicap. But in an event which had looked for some days to be weakening, Party Politics and Topsham Bay were the only surprising non-acceptors. Party Politics, the 1992 Grand National winner, has had his reappearance held up by a bruised foot and Topsham Bay's trainer, David Barons, has been hit by a virus in the stable.

Graham Bradley, who next Monday starts a suspension incurred in Ireland, will ride Black Humour, although he won on Royal Athlete last time and would also, in other circumstances, have had the option of riding the Irish challenger, Cahervillahow.

The "Mouse" Morris-trained chaser is a regular visitor for the major British prizes but has yet to win one. Norman Williamson was originally booked for the ride on Saturday but Adrian Maguire will take over if Williamson is banned when he comes up before the Jockey Club today for a series of whip offences.

HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP (10 five-day acceptors) Royal Athlete 10yrs 11st 10lb, Zeta's Lad 10-11-4, Romany King 9-11-0, Black Humour 9-11-0, Cahervillahow 9-11-0, Garrison Savannah 10-10-13, Cogent 9-10-8, Whispering Steel 7-10-3, Rolling Ball 10-10-3, Merry Master 9-9-12.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

1.20 Yes Man. 1.50 Kiwi Velocity. 2.20 Bickerman. 2.50 Nevada Gold. 3.20 Northern Jinks. 3.50 Googly.

GOING: GOOD (7.15AM INSPECTION) SIS

1.20 WHICHFORD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,980: 2m 6f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 35-1 OCEAN LEADER 31 (F) Mrs D Haine 6-11-4 G Bradley 93
2 3-06 ARMATEUR 7 J McConnochie 5-10-12 R Bellamy 95
3 PU6- OUSKOMI 207 G Ham 7-10-12 S Mackey –
4 0-0 EDEN STREAM 19 B Morgan 6-10-12 B Clifford –
5 00PP FAIR BABE 13 J O'Shea 7-10-12 Mr N Bradley (7) 65
6 GOD SPEED YOU C Nash 4-10-12 W Marston –
7 4- HECTOR'S RETURN 294 R Brotherton 5-10-12 V Slattery –
8 00 LOYAL GAIT 13 A J Wilson 5-10-12 J Railton –
9 00P/ MAORI ICEMAN 698 P Hobbs 6-10-12 M Hourigan –
10 00- SMITH'S BAND 230 Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12 B Powell –
11 236 TOPPING TOM 24 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12 C Llewellyn 75
12 3 YES MAN 13 (BF) Miss H Knight 4-10-12 A Maguire ●
13 460/ IT'S DELICIOUS 591 Mrs T Pitkington 7-10-7 W Humphreys –
14 NESSELNITE A Chamberlain 7-10-7 A Tory –

4-5 Yes Man, 5-1 Ocean Leader, 11-2 Topping Tom, 8-1 Armateur, 12-1 Smith's Band, 20-1 God Speed You, Hector's Return, 25-1 others.

1.50 STRETTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,862: 2m 4f) (9)

1 /33- MUDAHIM 276 (F,G,S) C Broad 7-10-12 W Marston –
2 P-65 NICKLE JOE 20 (G) M Tate 7-10-12 R Bellamy –
3 5-3P PARDON ME SIR 13 (F,G,S) G Balding 9-10-12 S Hodgson 84
4 P60- RUBINS BOY 204 (F) S Sherwood 7-10-12 M Richards –
5 221- SACROSANCT 174 (F,S) K Bailey 9-10-12 S McNeill 70
6 4P2- SALLY'S GEM 270 (G) J White 8-10-12 B Clifford ●
7 142- LEESWOOD 207 (F,S) R Lee 5-10-11 A Maguire –
8 214- KIWI VELOCITY 241 (G,S) P Hobbs 6-10-7 M Hourigan –
9 45/5 TURKISH STAR 13 G Ham 8-10-7 B Powell –

9-4 Sally's Gem, 4-1 Sacrosanct, 11-2 Kiwi Velocity, 7-1 Mudahim, 8-1 others.

2.20 WARRNAMBOOL TROPHY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,040: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 14-4 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 14 (D,G,S) G Charles-Jones 5-11-10 D Meade 87
2 4P2- VICTORY ANTHEM 176 (D,G) P Clarke 7-11-8 R Farrant 95
3 F-P0 ELEGANT FRIEND 31 (D,G,S) M Tompkins 5-11-7 P Smith Eccles (5) 98
4 222F ILEWIN 14 (CD,BF,F,G) J White 6-11-7 P McLoughlin (5) 90
5 5-48 LOCAL FLYER 14 (D,G) J Banks 4-11-1 P Hide 97
6 300- BICKERMAN 199 (B,D,F,G) J Spearing 10-11-1 W Marston 94
7 -554 UNEX-PLAINED 12 (D,G,S) M Channon 10-10-13 C Wright (5) –
8 0003 MOUNTSHANNON 13 (B,G) C Tretline 7-10-10 M Hourigan 94
9 50-6 WILL JAMES 10 (B,D,F,G) C Drewe 7-10-10 D Meredith 97
10 SP-4 BY FAR 28 (CD,F) D O'Neill 7-10-6 P Maddock ●
11 35/P RUN OF WELD 6 (D,G) F Yardley 10-10-1 A Thornton –
12 0-PP DEEP IN GREEK 8 D Williams 7-10-0 R Davis –

3-1 By Far, 7-2 Whippers Delight, 5-1 Unex-Plained, Elegant Friend, 7-1 others.

2.50 STOURTON INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,765: 3m) (5)

1 1-22 NEVADA GOLD 17 (BF,F,G,S) F Yardley 7-12-0 D Gallagher 96
2 851- WARNER FOR WINNERS 185 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-5 A Maguire 96
3 P4-1 MR TITTLE TATTLE 103 (B,F) K Bailey 7-10-3 S McNeill 93
4 032F FROZEN DROP 20 G Balding 6-10-1 Richard Guest ●
5 PU53 JIMMY O'DEA 10 (V,C,D,F) T Bill 6-10-0 T Eley (3) 96

2-1 Nevada Gold, 5-2 Frozen Drop, 4-1 Warner For Winners, 5-1 Mr Tittle Tattle, 7-1 Jimmy O'Dea.

3.20 TODENHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,687: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 F-45 WELSH BARD 13 (B,F,G,S) C Brooks 9-12-0 G Bradley 92
2 124- NORTHERN JINKS 180 (CD,G,S) R Dickin 10-11-13 D Meredith (3) ●
3 15P1 TINAS LAD 5 (CD,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-5 (7ex) P Niven 88
4 21-P DARE SAY 13 (C,F,G,S) R Alner 10-10-7 S Earle 87
5 -144 CLARES OWN 11 (D,F,G,S) J Wade 9-10-2 A Maguire 97
6 43/P MAJOR EFFORT 13 (F,G) J Allen 8-10-0 Mr N Bradley (7) –

2-1 Northern Jinks, 5-2 Tinas Lad, 4-1 Clares Own, 5-1 Welsh Bard, 8-1 Dare Say, 20-1 Major Effort.

3.50 BRAILES NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,949: 2m 110yd) (16)

1 1 DOUBLE THE STAKES 31 (D,F) D Burchell 11-2 W Knox 75
2 26-F BUSMAN 19F J O'Shea 10-10 R Davis (3) 91
3 DAWN FLIGHT 180F Lady Herries 10-10 E Murphy –
4 06 FERAL BAY 17 C Brooks 10-10 G Bradley 86
5 FERDIA 234F J White 10-10 P McLoughlin (7) –
6 GANESHAYA 148F J Allen 10-10 Mr N Bradley (7) –
7 3-43 HIGH MIND 24 Miss L Siddall 10-10 A Thornton (3) ●
8 PEACE FORMULA 15F M Tate 10-10 W Marston –
9 SPEAKER'S HOUSE 17F P Cole 10-10 A Maguire –
10 THEMAAM 94F Mrs M Reveley 10-10 P Niven –
11 TISSISAT 24F I Balding 10-10 J Frost –
12 00 BLUE LYZANDER 47 R Brotherton 10-5 V Slattery –
13 GOOGLY 33F J White 10-5 B Clifford –
14 00- HERESY 166 R Mathew 10-5 W Humphreys –
15 MYRTILLA A Turnell 10-5 L Harvey –
16 0 WORTHY MEMORIES 31 C Wall 10-5 J McLaughlin –

7-2 Tissisat, 9-2 Googly, 5-1 Themaam, 7-1 Speaker's House, 8-1 Double The Stakes, High Mind, 10-1 Dawn Flight, 14-1 Myrtilla, 16-1 Busman, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Brooks, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; A Turnell, 5 from 22, 22.7%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 38, 21.1%, K Bailey, 7 from 35, 20.0%; C Broad, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: C Llewellyn, 17 winners from 66 rides, 25.8%; A Maguire, 13 from 54, 24.1%; G Bradley, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 42, 16.7%; P Niven, 3 from 18, 16.7%; B Clifford, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 12.40 Pytchley Dawn. 2.40 Clover Jack. 3.10 Chief Executive.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.10 Tempering. 12.40 Fighter Squadron. 1.10 *CARROLLS MARC (nap)*. *1.40 Loch Duich*. *2.10* Trans Siberia. 2.40 Sense Of Priority. 3.10 Strapped. 3.40 Ertlon.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.10 DAISY CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: amateurs: £2,924: 1m 3f) (10 runners)

1 0408 NO SUBMISSION 7 (C,G,S) D Chapman 7-11-2 Mrs M Cowdrey 4
2 4010 TEMPERING 22 (CD,F,G) D Chapman 7-11-2 Miss R Clark (7) 10
3 0-00 CHEEKY POT 27J (B,S) Denys Smith 5-10-12 Miss M Carson (7) 6
4 1040 THUNDERING 60 (F,S) A Jones 8-10-12 Miss Diana Jones 5
5 6016 SAVINGS BANK 15 (C,BF,B) T Barron 3-10-11 Mrs A Farrell 2
6 0603 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 18J (V,F) J Norton 5-10-8 I Baker (7) 1
7 0604 MEXICAN DANCER 18 (G,S) P Howling 4-10-7 Mrs L Pearce 9
8 0110 KAGRAM QUEEN 21 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-5 L Donnelly (7) 8
9 0000 DON'T FORGET MARIE 49 (S) A Bailey 3-10-0 Miss E Gatehouse (7) 3
10 2004 SHARE A MOMENT 8J R Hollinshead 3-10-0 Miss J Southall (3) 7

7-4 Tempering, 7-2 Savings Bank, Kagram Queen, 6-1 No Submission, 14-1 others.

12.40 ALEX LAWRIE FACTORS LTD CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,691: 6f) (16)

1 0408 SEA DEVIL 28 (D,F,S) M Camacho 7-9-4 L Charnock 4
2 0 WOT NO PERKS 59 W Jarvis 3-8-13 M Tebbutt 7
3 6002 RESPECTABLE JONES 10 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-12 S Perks 16
4 4100 SLADES HILL 17 (D,F,G,S) T Barron 6-8-12 V Halliday (7) 15
5 0040 FIGHTER SQUADRON 7 (C,F,G) J Glover 4-8-10 S D Williams 9
6 2000 SUPER BENZ 22 (B,CD,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-8-10 A Munro 3
7 0640 BARBEZIEUX 71 (F,G,S) M Dods 6-8-8 D McCabe (5) 12
8 -330 HOY-LIEGH-RAG 13 J Berry 3-8-7 P Roberts (7) 8
9 030- PLATFORM ONE 416 J Mooney 3-8-7 K Rutter (5) 14
10 4030 CHOICE LOT 129 (B,F) A Jones 6-8-6 Claire Balding (7) 10
11 5000 FARMER JOCK 7 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 11-8-6 A Clark 2
12 0404 HAWAYMYSON 32 A Stringer 3-8-8 K Darley 6
13 2460 BRISAS 68 (V,CD,F,G) C Fairhurst 6-8-4 J Fanning 13
14 0405 CHARITY EXPRESS 19 (F,G,S) D Cosgrove 3-8-2 L Newton (5) 11
15 5000 WESSHAUN 13 W G M Turner 3-8-0 M Baird (7) 5
16 0008 PYTCHLEY DAWN 22 (B) J Pickering 3-7-13 N Carlisle 1

7-2 Charity Express, 9-2 Sea Devil, 5-1 Respectable Jones, 6-1 Fighter Squadron, 8-1 Slades Hill, Super Benz, 10-1 Farmer Jock, 12-1 others.

1.10 IRIS HANDICAP (£2,713: 1m 6f) (17)

1 -342 SAFFAAH 7 (BF,S) W Muir 6-10-0 A Munro 17
2 0000 MODEST HOPE 15 (C,F,G) B Richmond 6-10-0 Alex Greaves 3
3 3004 ALLMOSA 20 (BF,F,G) T Naughton 4-9-13 A Garth (5) 13
4 0500 RUSTY REEL 25 (V) C Britain 3-9-4 B Doyle (3) 5
5 54-3 FLYAWAY 7 (G) J Harris 8-9-4 Paul Eddery 7
6 0001 MALENOIR 15 (V,CD,G) R Spicer 5-9-4 A Clark 15
7 3116 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 19 (D,F,S) S Norton 3-9-2 Darren Moffatt (5) 9
8 6104 CARROLLS MARC 18J (C,D,F,G) P Haslam 5-9-1 K Darley 10
9 0010 MAHAASIN 10 (G) A Bailey 5-9-1 L Dettori 16
10 5010 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 25 (S) J Hetherton 3-9-0 N Carlisle 8
11 6006 HOTSOCKS 10 (C,G) Pat Mitchell 3-8-13 Kim McDonnell 2
12 5-44 MRS JAWLEYFORD 18J C Smith 5-8-13 K Rutter (5) 1
13 0330 SWIFT SPRING 29 P Cole 3-8-11 T McLaughlin (5) 11
14 3483 KOVALEVSKIA 15 (C,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-8-11 G Bardwell 4
15 4000 JULFAAR 10 (F) J Pearce 6-8-7 M Wigham 12
16 4003 GREAT ORATION 19 (V) F Watson 4-8-6 L Charnock 6
17 4000 YOSHAARIK 10J A Forbes 3-8-6 S D Williams 14

4-1 Carrolls Marc, 5-1 Saffaah, 7-1 Follingworth Girl, Swift Song, 8-1 Allmosa, 10-1 Malenoir, Great Oration, 14-1 Kovalevskia, 20-1 Flyaway, 25-1 others.

1.40 DAISY CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: amateurs: £2,898: 1m 3f) (10)

1 0000 LAMBOURN RAJA 19 (C,G,S) J O'Donoghue 7-11-2 K Tork (7) 1
2 1-00 LILLAH DARAK 38 (F) A Jones 5-11-0 Miss A Whitfield Jonas (7) 10
3 0203 LOCH DUICH 12J (F) R Hodges 7-10-10 Mrs L Pearce 6
4 000- SOCKEM 298J (F,S) C Williams 6-10-8 R Barrett (7) 4
5 0-00 BUZZARDS CREST 192 (S) Bob Jones 8-10-6 Miss D J Jones (3) 8
6 0000 GREENWICH CHALENGE 56 (C,G,S) C Smith 3-10-5 Mrs D Smith (3) 3
7 00/6 SILK DYNASTY 280J (G) R Hollinshead 7-10-5 Miss C Carden (7) 7
8 1500 SOL ROUGE 231 (C,G) R Thompson 4-10-3 I McLelland (7) 5
9 0080 SPORTING SPIRIT 18 (S) D Chapman 3-10-1 M Kneasley (7) 2
10 0005 MR JAZZ DANCER 22 D Wintle 3-10-0 S Blackwell (3) 9

2-1 Lillah Darak, 3-1 Sol Rouge, Loch Duich, 6-1 Greenwich Chalenge, 8-1 others.

2.10 BRITISH COAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,552: 1m) (16)

1 582 BETABETCORBETT 15 S Norton 9-0 Paul Eddery 3
2 4 COUNTY SET 40 G Harwood 9-0 NON-RUNNER 13
3 0 DEVILSDANCER 15 H Collingridge 9-0 C Hawksley (7) 8
4 0 GAELIC RISK 157 Pat Mitchell 9-0 P McCabe (5) 15
5 LAKE MONA M Channon 9-0 C Rutter 2
6 0450 LINCOLN TREASURE 7 M Chapman 9-0 D McCabe (5) 12
7 5040 NORTHERN STORM 10 S Woods 9-0 K Darley 16
8 04 PRINCERULLAH 13 C Brod 9-0 M Wigham 6
9 SAW MILL Lord Huntingdon 9-0 L Dettori 10
10 45 SHELTERED COVE 13 C Britain 9-0 B Doyle (5) 5
11 052 TRANS SIBERIA 13 S Woods 9-0 D Biggs 11
12 00 VAYELLO 33 (B) C Smith 9-0 K Rutter (5) 1
13 ANNIE MCNEIL J Wharton 8-9 J Fanning 14
14 EL VAGABUNDA Mrs V Aconley 8-9 Dale Gibson 7
15 TURRET STAR K Cunningham-Brown 8-9 L Charnock 4
16 0003 WALWORTH LADY 22 M Dods 8-9 S Webster 8

5-2 Trans Siberia, 4-1 Saw Mill, 5-1 Betabetcorbett, 8-1 Walworth Lady, 10-1 Princerullah, 12-1 Lincoln Treasure, 14-1 others.

2.40 ALEX LAWRIE FACTORS LTD CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,668: 6f) (16)

1 5410 ALLINSON'S MATE 18 (CD,F,G) T Barron 5-9-4 V Halliday (7) 12
2 05 CLOVER JACK 22 (B) R Weaver 3-9-1 Rebecca Bream (7) 16
3 0000 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 1 (B,D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-0 L Dettori 13
4 6 BRECKLAND 136 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-13 L Charnock 5
5 5 CRAMONA 24 E Alston 3-8-12 A Clark 14
6 8000 TRIOMING 1 (F) A Jones 7-8-12 Dale Gibson 11
7 6050 OBSIDIAN GREY 7 (C,D,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 6-8-10 D McCabe (5) 4
8 0-0 ALBERSTAN 22 R Marvin 3-8-9 S D Williams 15
9 5266 HERSHEBAR 71 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 3-8-9 S Webster 1
10 0001 SENSE OF PRIORITY 10 (F,G) M H Easterby 4-8-8 K Darley 7
11 3-05 NOT SO GENEROUS 119 (F) W G M Turner 3-8-8 P McCabe (5) 8
12 0050 GENTLE HERO 7 (V,D,F,G,S) M Naughton 7-8-6 Paul Eddery 3
13 00- DISTANT SPRING 434 J Harris 3-8-5 D Biggs 9
14 0600 APPEALING TIMES 19 (CD,G) D Chapman 4-8-4 S Wood 10
15 0260 RESTORE 13 (B,E,D,F,G,S) R Flower 10-8-4 R Price 6
16 0-00 RAYS MEAD 95 (F) L Holt 5-7-13 A Munro 2

11-4 Allinsons Mate, 6-1 Sense Of Priority, 7-1 Appealing Times, Hershebar, 10-1 Letsbeonestabouth, Trioming, Obsidian Grey, 12-1 Rays Mead, 16-1 others.

3.10 DAFFODIL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,611: 7f) (14)

1 0010 PRIVATE FIXTURE 17 (G) W Jarvis 9-7 M Tebbutt 10
2 6050 EVANRO 20 C C Elsey 9-2 A Clark 9
3 3011 LITTLE IBNR 7 (B,CD,G) N Callaghan 9-2 (6ex) A Munro 2
4 4540 WINDOW DISPLAY 67 (S) Mrs N Macauley 9-10 Dale Gibson 1
5 0035 SWITCH BLADE 19 (B) I Balding 8-9 L Dettori 6
6 0440 JUST HARRY 109 M Ryan 8-7 D Biggs 3
7 0000 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 7 (C,G) R Hollinshead 8-7 S Perks 7
8 0035 DAME PROSPECT 7 J Glover 8-6 S D Williams 5
9 2206 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 10 (V) W Muir 8-4 Paul Eddery 14
10 6654 STRAPPED 10 (S) M Channon 8-1 C Rutter 11
11 6502 JUST GREENWICH 36 P Evans 8-0 S Sanders (7) 12
12 0004 KOONOONA LADY 24 A Jarvis 7-12 Darren Moffatt (5) 8
13 5600 BRAMCOTE CENTURY 49 J Hetherton 7-11 L Charnock 13
14 0000 LONE RISK 19 C Allen 7-7 G Bardwell 4

5-2 Little Ibnr, 7-2 Strapped, 7-1 Just Greenwich, 8-1 Koonoona Lady, 10-1 Private Fixture, 14-1 Heathyards Crusade, Bramcote Century, 16-1 others.

3.40 TULIP HANDICAP (£3,69: 7f) (16)

1 1334 HIGHBORN 15 (CD,G) P Felgate 4-10-0 Paul Eddery 13
2 5100 ERTLON 15 (F) C Britain 3-9-12 L Dettori 12
3 0001 DEBSY DO 15 (CD,F,G) S Norton 4-9-12 Darren Moffatt (5) 4
4 0001 DREAM CARRIER 22 (CD,F,G) T Barron 5-9-8 V Halliday (7) 3
5 4635 SECOND COLOURS 15 (F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-9 K Darley 1
6 0-50 WATER SKIER 33 M Chapman 3-8-7 D McCabe (5) 6
7 5010 UNVEILED 33J (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-2 A Munro 11
8 2003 CELESTINE 7 (V,D,F,G,S) C Fairhurst 4-8-1 J Fanning 14
9 0800 PONDICHERRY 25 (D,G) S Woods 3-8-1 D Biggs 5
10 0450 WESTERN VALLEY 29 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-0 G Bardwell 7
11 3100 CAN CAN CHARLIE 28 (D,G) M Johnston 3-7-13 N Carlisle 15
12 3200 WORLING 49 (F,G) K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-10 L Charnock 10
13 -300 WATCH ME GO 28 (V,D,F) M Dods 4-7-9 Dale Gibson 2
14 5540 ARAWA 13 D Marks 3-7-7 M Baird (7) 8
15 036 KUTE LUCY 284 D Chapman 3-7-7 S Wood 16
16 6000 GARRY'S CHOICE 50 B Smart 4-7-7 N Kennedy (3) 9

4-1 Celestine, 6-1 Highborn, 7-1 Dream Carrier, 8-1 Debsy Do, 10-1 Ertlon, Unveiled, 12-1 Can Can Charlie, Arawa, Western Valley, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Cole, 15 winners from 63 runners, 23.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 18 from 77, 23.4%; D Wilson, 6 from 26, 23.1%; T Barron, 66 from 294, 22.4%; R Spicer, 12 from 55, 21.8%; S Norton, 28 from 143, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 14 winners from 53 rides, 26.4%; Alex Greaves, 59 from 261, 22.6%; V Halliday, 7 from 33, 21.2%; M Tebbutt, 9 from 47, 19.1%; K Rutter, 7 from 40, 17.5%, D Biggs, 27 from 171, 15.8%.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

1.00 Rue Balzac. 1.30 Unholy Alliance. 2.00 Princess Hotpot. *2.30 Travado*. 3.00 Tipp Mariner. 3.30 Fierce.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 PRINCESS HOTPOT.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.00 CAPTAIN THREADNEEDLE SELLING HURDLE (£1,611: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 05P-F51 TAX THE DEVIL 11 (V,C,G,S) (Mrs H Chakko) S Dow 5-11-12 A Dicken (5) 92
2 0 HIGHLAND FLAME 25F (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 4-11-7 D Murphy –
3 0- PLUM LINE 258 (J Hollins) Mrs L Jewell 4-11-7 Richard Guest –
4 6- RUE BALZAC 180 (F Golding) N Callaghan 5-11-7 R Dunwoody –
5 0P0 CLASHREAGH 36 (P Butler) P Butler 5-11-2 S Arnold (7) –
6 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 25F (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-10-9 G McCourt –
7 0223 MISTER BLAKE 18 (BF) (M Spore) I Campbell 3-10-9 R Campbell ●
8 0 TOP GUNNER 10 (M Barden) Mrs M Long 3-10-9 N Williamson –

BETTING: 7-4 Mister Blake, 3-1 Tax The Devil, 7-2 Rue Balzac, 5-1 Chiltern Hundreds, 10-1 others.

1992: AND ME 3-10-4 A Carroll (20-1) D Thom 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAX THE DEVIL beat Boxing Match 3l in a 7-runner claiming novice hurdle here (2m 5f 110yd, good). HIGHLAND FLAME 61l 7th of 10 to Blazon Of Troy in a novice hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m). PLUM LINE 64l 7th of 10 to Master Bavard in a National Hunt Flat race at Lingfield (AW, 2m).

RUE BALZAC 25l 6th of 17 to Finally Fantazia in a National Hunt Flat race at Hereford (2m 1f, soft). MISTER BLAKE 4½l 3rd of 17 to Grogfryn in a selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good).

Selection: MISTER BLAKE

1.30 YOUNG TELEGRAPH NOVICES CHASE (£2,145: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 443-123 PRINCE'S COURT 19 (B,BF,F,G) (Court Jesters) A Turnell 10-12-0 D Fortt (7) 93
2 003/0-P BLACK CHURCH 31 (Dr B Alexander) R Rowe 7-11-5 H Davies –
3 263136- BOLLINGER 210 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 7-11-5 D Murphy –
4 113R4-2 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 10 (F,S) (Mrs S York) K Bailey 6-11-5 N Williamson 98
5 254P/2-P WELSH COMMANDER 12 (F,G) (J Judd) T Etherington 10-11-5 D Bridgwater ●
6 3/36425- WHAT A NOBLE 283 (London Racing Club) T Etherington 7-11-5 G McCourt –
7 28423U- SPOONHILL WOOD 185 (R Micklethwait) J Wharton 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 96

BETTING: 2-1 Unholy Alliance, 7-2 Prince's Court, 4-1 Bollinger, 6-1 Spoonhill Wood, 8-1 What A Noble, 12-1 Welsh Commander, 14-1 Black Church.

1992: ASHFOLD COPSE 6-11-11 M Perrett (5-4 fav) G Harwood 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE'S COURT 7l 3rd of 11 to Boll Weevil in a novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). BOLLINGER 5½l 3rd of 9 to Sweet Duke in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, heavy) on penultimate start. UNHOLY ALLIANCE 20l 2nd of 11 to Hillwalk in a novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, good). WELSH COMMANDER 4l last of 2 to Old Brig in grade II Northern Trust Novice Chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, firm) in March. WHAT A NOBLE 1½l 2nd of 13 to Cool Clown in a novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, soft) in January. SPOONHILL WOOD 10l 3rd of 6 to Precious Memories in a novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start.

Selection: UNHOLY ALLIANCE

2.00 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,089: 2m 5f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 00/21 PRINCESS HOTPOT 17 (G) (Mrs S Bracher) Miss H Knight 5-11-5 J Osborne ●
2 F- CARLINGFORD LAKES 230 (T Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 5-10-12 S Smith Eccles 85
3 0 COUNTRY FLING 17 (County Gentlemens Association) N Gaselee 5-10-12 R Supple –
4 0-6 FLAPPING FREDA 24 (P Grafton) J Jenkins 5-10-12 R Dunwoody –
5 00- GREENHILL GO ON 217 (B Pearce) Mrs M Long 8-10-12 R Rowell –
6 PP434- GREEN WALK 176 (C Cornwell) R Rowe 6-10-12 T Grantham 68
7 336-0 WELSH LUSTRE 40 (Mrs L Lovell) D Nicholson 4-10-12 Mr G Hogan (7) 68
8 30-5 WYJUME 19 (Mrs M Tufnell) J Gifford 4-10-12 D Murphy 75

BETTING: 4-5 Princess Hotpot, 9-2 Welsh Lustre, 6-1 Wyjume, 8-1 Flapping Freda, 12-1 others.

1992: NICKLUP 5-10-12 H Davies (5-2) T Forster 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCESS HOTPOT beat Golden Spinner 4l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good) with COUNTRY FLING (7lb better off) 37l 9th. FLAPPING FREDA 12½l 6th of 23 to Nirvana Prince in a National Hunt Flat race at Warwick (2m, good to firm). WELSH LUSTRE 30l 8th of 14 to Fatack in a conditionals novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). WYJUME 24½l 5th of 6 to Mutcibe in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, firm).

Selection: PRINCESS HOTPOT

2.30 PETERBOROUGH COLUMN CHASE (Grade II: £11,088: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 52211-2 DEEP SENSATION 21 (D,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-11-9 D Murphy ●
2 18111-1 TRAVADO 21 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Ennever) N Henderson 7-11-9 J Osborne 98
3 115-4PU BRANDESTON 10 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11-1 P Murphy 75
4 3211P3- VERY VERY ORDINARY 236 (D,G,S) (Mrs W Cohen) J Upson 7-11-1 R Supple 91

BETTING: 8-11 Travado, 7-4 Deep Sensation, 6-1 Very Very Ordinary, 25-1 Brandeston.

1992: REMITTANCE MAN 8-11-9 R Dunwoody (1-5 fav) N Henderson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEEP SENSATION beat Redundant Pal 8l in 4-runner grade I Mumm Melling Chase at Aintree (2m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. TRAVADO beat DEEP SENSATION (6lb better off) 20l in 5-runner grade II Plymouth Gin Haldon Cup Chase at Exeter (2m 2f, good to firm). BRANDESTON unseated rider at first fence in 15-runner grade III Mackeson Gold Cup Handicap Chase won by Bradbury Star at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Earlier, well beaten 4th of 5 behind Panto Prince in a handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, soft). VERY VERY ORDINARY best effort last season when beating Calapaez 2½l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to soft).

Selection: DEEP SENSATION

3.00 TELEGRAPH SPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,684: 3m) (8 runners)

1 01232-1 DO BE BRIEF 13 (B,CD,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 I Lawrence 98
2 111F0-3 SINGLESOLE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 8-11-10 R Marley 85
3 1425-35 DANDY MINSTREL 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Windrush) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-5 D Bridgwater 93
4 U30-523 LOVE ANEW 22 (F,G) (D Bowlatt) M Dixon 8-10-11 D Murphy 92
5 021/1-3 DELGANY RUN 47 (B,S) (Mrs H Brown) Miss H Knight 9-10-11 J Osborne 89
6 F1PP-23 TIPP MARINER 12 (BF,B,S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 8-10-7 G Upton 92
7 236-U25 JIMSTER 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Nash) C Nash 11-10-1 R Dunwoody 96
8 0U21-P4 LITTLE GENERAL 14 (F) (T Harrington) R Rowe 10-10-0 H Davies ●

BETTING: 9-4 Do Be Brief, 4-1 Tipp Mariner, 9-2 Jimster, 11-2 Delgany Run, 6-1 Singlesole, 12-1 Little General, 14-1 Dandy Minstrel, Love Anew.

1992: NO GRANDAD 8-11-4 R Supple (5-1) J Upson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DO BE BRIEF beat Dubacilla ¾l in an 11-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m 7f, soft). SINGLESOLE 8½l 3rd of 5 to Sandybraes in a handicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good). DANDY MINSTREL 28l 5th of 8 to Clever Shepherd in a handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, good to firm). LOVE ANEW 13l 3rd of 6 to Little Tom in a handicap chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to firm). TIPP MARINER 5l 3rd of 14 to Postman's Path in a handicap chase at Towcester (2m 6f, good) with JIMSTER (1lb better off) 6l 5th. Previously 1½l 2nd of 8 to Touching Star in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good) with DELGANY RUN 12l 8th. LITTLE GENERAL 35l 4th of 6 to Rau Haina in a handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, firm).

Selection: DO BE BRIEF (nap)

3.30 WEEKEND TELEGRAPH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,022: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 63/0540- CREEAGER 186F (D,B,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 11-11-10 B Dalton 88
2 1050-02 ADMIRALTY WAY 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Burton) W Clay 7-11-10 Diane Clay ●
3 5065-3F TOP WAVE 5 (D,G,S) (A Collins) N Henderson 5-11-9 M A Fitzgerald 93
4 14312-F FIERCE 11 (CD,F,S) (P Piper) J Jenkins 5-11-5 S Smith Eccles 92
5 654-020 DRIVING FORCE 20 (B,D,F,G,S) (B Reid) Mrs M McCourt 7-11-4 G McCourt 92
6 0/21235- CHUCK CURLEY 216 (D,F,S) (P Byrne) B Curley 5-11-4 D Murphy 89
7 6/4621-F RATIFY 18 (D,G) (J Fretwell) K Morgan 8-11-2 A S Smith 89
8 510-114 MRS MAYHEW 11 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-10-12 P Murphy 89
9 00221-5 MANEREE 11 (G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 6-10-11 R Campbell 86
10 00/01-31 FRONT STREET 10 (D,S) (Mrs J Bishop) S Sherwood 6-10-10 G Upton 91
11 343242- SOLID 155F (D,G) (J McBarron) D Cosgrove 5-10-4 D Walsh 87

BETTING: 7-2 Chuck Curley, 9-2 Top Wave, 6-1 Fierce, 13-2 Maneree, 7-1 Mrs Mayhew, 8-1 Front Street, 10-1 Admiralty Way, 12-1 Ratify, 14-1 Creeager, 16-1 Driving Force, 20-1 Solid.

1992: BADRAKHANI 6-12-0 R Dunwoody (11-2) N Henderson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRALTY WAY 10l 2nd of 4 to Westholme in a handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good). TOP WAVE 20l 3rd of 4 to Cabin Hill in a conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DRIVING FORCE 3½l 2nd of 18 to Fromthegetgo in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start with FRONT STREET short-head 3rd and ADMIRALTY WAY (1lb better off) 18½l 11th. CHUCK CURLEY 2¼l 3rd of 9 to Northern Saddler in a novice handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. MRS MAYHEW 7l 4th of 11 to Kabayil in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with MANEREE (1lb worse off) 1½l 5th. FIERCE (1lb worse off) fell at the last.

Selection: MRS MAYHEW

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Etherington	5	14	35.7	A Dicken	3	8	37.5
Mrs J Pitman	14	41	34.1	G Upton	3	13	23.1
D Nicholson	16	55	29.1	R Dunwoody	22	117	18.8
K Bailey	6	26	23.1	H Davies	12	66	18.2
J Gifford	15	68	22.1	D Murphy	18	100	18.0
N Henderson	6	31	19.4	G McCourt	6	37	16.2

☐ Fatherland has been put down after breaking a pastern in the Hollywood Derby on Saturday.

☐ Fahd Salman is to sponsor the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket next year. It will be named the Generous Dewhurst Stakes.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Southwell
Going: standard

12.05 (7f) 1, Clarion Call (A Munro, 7-2); 2, St Louis Lady (11-8 fav); 3, Dome Patrol (16-1). 10 ran. Nk, ¾l. P Cole. Tote £3.30; £1.40, £1.10, £2.40. DF £2.10. CSF £6.14.

12.35 (6f) 1, Bold Alex (D Gibbs, 3-1); 2, Red Girl (3-1); 3, Melody Dancer (16-1). Silver Slipper 15-8 fav. 11 ran. NR: Three-penny-Bridge. 12l, 2l. S Norton. Tote £3.70; £1.10, £2.20, £5.00. DF: £4.50. CSF: £12.82.

1.05 (7f) 1, Duball Remy (A Munro, 5-2 fav); 2, Buckley Boys (33-1); 3, Manolete (16-1). 10 ran. 8l, hd. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £3.40; £1.20, £3.60, £3.00. DF: £127.60. CSF: £66.17.

1.35 (6f) 1, Palamis (J Fanning, 12-1); 2, Giggleswick Girl (7-4 fav); 3, Four Of Spades (100-30). 12 ran. 5l, nk. J Wharton. Tote £55.70; £4.20, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £122.00. CSF: £35.10.

2.05 (6f) 1, Ashgore (T Williams, 11-4 fav); 2, Calamanco (5-1); 3, Sir Tasker (6-1). 14 ran. 1l, nk. M Johnston. Tote: £5.20; £2.60, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £10.20. CSF: £18.45.

2.35 (1m) 1, Karinska (D McCabe, 5-1); 2, Spring Fiver (10-1); 3, Braveboy (12-1); 4, Latest Flame (16-1). Red Cotton 4-1 fav. 16 ran. 2l, 2½l. M Chapman. Tote £5.00; £1.90, £1.20, £4.40, £11.20. DF: £44.50. Trio £654.90. CSF: £55.38. Tricast: £547.24.

3.05 (1m 4f) 1, Chatham Island (B Doyle, 7-1); 2, Vishnu (16-1); 3, Rose Elegance (10-1). 15 ran. NR: Locking-Clearing News 2-1 fav. ... 8l, 2½l. C Brittain. Tote £11.50; £3.30, £3.30, £6.20. DF: not won (pool of £488.80 carried forward to 3.40 Southwell today). CSF: £117.43. Tricast: £1,049.20.

3.35 (5f) 1, Spender (J O'Dwyer, 7-1); 2, Tee-Emm (20-1); 3, Avril Etoile (8-1 jt-fav). Miss Aragon 8-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Goody Four Shoes, Gemini Fire. 2½l, hd. P Harris. Tote: £5.90; £2.10, £4.40, £3.00. DF: £101.70. CSF: £123.07. Tricast: £815.03. Placepot: £21.30.

☐ The British Horseracing Board is advocating an amendment to Rule 153, which governs interference in races. The proposal would give stewards dealing with interference caused by careless riding the discretion to allow the result to stand. A change in the rule regarding non-starters is also expected, whereby horses ready to start at the "off" will be declared as runners whether or not they take part.

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Armstrong to confront All Blacks in tour finale

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SO GARY Armstrong will face New Zealand this year after all. Not for the British Isles, for whom he was selected, nor for Scotland, but for the Barbarians, who will play the All Blacks in Cardiff on December 4 in the traditional tour finale.

Whether this presages Armstrong's return to international rugby only he knows, but earlier this month he denied any intention of going back on the decision he made last summer: to retire from the international game and confine himself to club rugby with Jed-Forest. Any attempt to persuade him to do otherwise is unfair to him and also to Andy Nicol, or whoever may be chosen by Scotland.

Nevertheless, it will be a particular pleasure to see Armstrong, 27, back in harness with the Hastings brothers and Ian McGeechan, the coach with whom he knew such triumphs for Scotland. The scrum half's play for Scottish Districts against Auckland nine days ago whetted the appetite and this opportunity will allow him to show the All Blacks what they missed when injury forced him out of the Lions party before departure last May.

Gavin Hastings, the captain of those Lions, will lead a side including four of his tour colleagues and the Lions coach, McGeechan, who is a Barbarians committee member and thus, fortuitously, can be called upon to prepare the side in his "official" capacity.

Some shrewd selection has allowed the Baa-baas to skirt the vexatious presence of club league commitments in England and Wales and district matches in Scotland and Ireland. English clubs, with the exception of Leicester, have been deliberately left alone, partly because this game follows only a week after England's international with New Zealand and Micky Steele-Bodger, the invitation club president, does not believe players can be invited to lift themselves twice in eight days against such opponents.

For four Irishmen and three Welshmen, it is an unexpected chance to play New Zealand and a felicitous touch that Scott Quinnell, the Llanelli No 8, can play in a fixture graced by his father, Derek, 20 years ago when the Baa-baas gained their only win in seven games against New Zealand in such memorable style.

Eric Elwood, the Lansdowne stand-off half, may show what the Lions missed by not taking him to New Zealand. Elwood spent a season in Waikato three years ago and has now established himself, within three games, as a fixture in Ireland's team. He will be part of a back division that will be given the freedom to run that so many sides on this tour have ignored.

The All Blacks, meanwhile, meet the England Emerging Players at Gloucester tonight on what will be a significant occasion for Lee Stensness. With injury threatening to terminate Matthew Cooper's successful tour, Stensness could be recalled at centre against England if he shows complete recovery from the medial ligament damage that destroyed the first half of his tour.

TEAMS

ENGLAND EMERGING PLAYERS: P Challinor (Harlequins), P Holford (Gloucester), N Beal (Northampton), D Hopley (Wasps), P Hull (Bristol), M Catt (Bath), M Dawson (Northampton), C Clark (Oxford University and Bath), K Dunn (Wasps), J Mallett (Bath), C Sheasby (Harlequins), A Blackmore (Bristol), D Sims (Gloucester), S Ojomoh (Bath), D Ryan (Wasps, captain)

NEW ZEALAND XV: S Howarth, E Clarke, M Berry, L Stensness, E Rush, S Bachop, J Preston, M Allen, N Hewitt, G Purvis, L Barry, B Larsen, R Fromont, P Henderson, J Mitchell (captain)

Referee: D Mené (France)

BARBARIANS (v New Zealand XV, December 4): G Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland, captain), N Walker (Cardiff and Wales), S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), S Hastings (Watsonians and Scotland), T Underwood (Leicester and England), E Elwood (Lansdowne and Ireland), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest and Scotland), N Popplewell (Greystones and Ireland), T Kingston (Dolphin and Ireland), E McKenzie (Randwick and Australia), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland), P Johns (Dungannon and Ireland), O Roumat (Dax and France), N Back (Leicester), S Quinnell (Llanelli and Wales). Replacements: A Clement (Swansea and Wales), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP and Scotland), R Jones (Swansea and Wales), M Griffiths (Cardiff and Wales), K Milne (Heriot's FP and Scotland), S Williams (Neath)

Referee: P Robin (France).



Master of the airways: Nick Faldo was yesterday praised for his physical excellence and concentration by the British Olympic medical centre after it tested the world No 1 golfer (John Goodbody writes). "We were very impressed with his fitness. He had a most professional approach and was receptive to some of our suggestions." Leo Faulmann, the director of physiological services at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, said. Faldo approached the centre, which has helped many of Britain's medal-winners in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games, for an assessment of his wrist strength. Told that it was impossible to do this without looking at the overall physical parameters, he became the first professional golfer to be tested at the superbly equipped centre, which is increasingly catering for non-Olympic sports since its existence was threatened two years ago. On the treadmill tests, where at one stage he was running six-minute miles up a 3 per cent incline, he would have ranked in the top 5 per cent of the public. Faulmann said: "To improve this level would need a lot of specific aerobic work and this is not appropriate for a golfer." He also achieved a high score on the lung function test. "Given he has the height, weight and stature of a heavyweight oarsman, his performance would have put him in the lower range of a national squad rower." In flexibility, he was able to touch 17 centimetres beyond his toes with his knees straight. On an isometric test on his legs, it was found that his strength in a short effort was comparable to that of a downhill skier. He did particularly well in one concentration test. Faldo's one weakness came in a dynamic balance test on a board. The centre will be giving him some specific exercises to help strengthen his wrist and will also be recommending a "slight shift" in his diet from fats to carbohydrates.

Photograph: Gary Prior/Allsport

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gerasch facing ban after positive test

SYLVIA Gerasch, a former world swimming champion and record-holder for East Germany, was last night facing a two-year ban from competition after an A test found she had illegal levels of caffeine in her body when she competed at the European sprint championships at Gateshead ten days ago (Craig Lord writes). Gerasch, 24, has until Friday to inform Harm Beyer, the secretary of the European Swimming League, whether she wants the B sample opened at a laboratory in London and whether she wants to be present during the process. She has stated that she was taking medicine to relieve a cold at Gateshead.

Karen Rake, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, could become European champion with Peggy Hartung, of Germany, the pair having finished equal second to Gerasch in the 50 metres breaststroke. However, the positive test for caffeine relates to Gerasch's 100 metres medley performance, which earned her a bronze medal.

Menacing icebergs

YACHTING: Winds returned to the Southern Ocean yesterday to benefit Lawrie Smith's 60-footer, Intrum Justitia, and New Zealand Endeavour, the class leaders in the Whitbread Round the World Race, on the second stage, from Punta del Este, Uruguay, to Fremantle, Australia. Fog and icebergs continue to menace, however, particularly those running "blind" in close proximity to other yachts. "It's eerie and a little scary," Chris Dickson, whose 60-footer, Tokio, has been racing alongside Galicia 93, said. "Tokio was within 150 metres and we can still see her." Juan Vila, the navigator aboard Galicia, said. Some 270 miles behind Smith, Dawn Riley's Women's Challenge continues to close on Matt Humphries's Dolphin & Youth Challenge. Yesterday, the women reeled back a further 32 miles.

Krabbe given warning

ATHLETICS: Katrin Krabbe and the German Athletic Federation were yesterday warned that they would risk further sanctions if they continued to challenge the two-year ban on the sprinter for a doping-related offence. While one German sprinter said yesterday that she would boycott any domestic event in which Krabbe and her colleagues, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr, took part, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) said the case was now closed. Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF general secretary, said: "The arbitration panel is the final and binding stage. Anyone who goes against this, goes against the rules."

Selectors go for youth

TABLE TENNIS: Two young players, Andrew Eden and Steve Ward, were yesterday included in the Great Britain team for the US Open team championships, which start in Detroit on Friday. It will be Eden's Great Britain debut, although he has yet to play for England. Ward, the Welsh No 1, has lost only one game in the British League this season. England have announced their side for the Swedish Open championships this weekend.

TEAMS: Great Britain (for US Open): A Cooke (Derbys), A Eden (Lancs), A Perry (Devon), S Ward (Wales), K Goodall (Yorks), N Deaton (Derbys), S Marling (Yorks); England (for Swedish Open): C Priest (IoW), Chen Xinhua (Yorks), M Syed (Berks), L Lomas (Beds), A Gordon (Berks).

Payment for Nickle due

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Rugby Football League has ordered St Helens to comply with a payment of £25,000 the club owes Sheffield Eagles as part of the transfer of Sonny Nickle, the Great Britain second-row forward. The club had accused the League of bias and threatened to withdraw from the independent tribunal system. The £25,000 payment is in addition to the figure of £80,000 set by the tribunal for Nickle in 1991 and was conditional on his making two international appearances against Australia or New Zealand, which he fulfilled in the recent series defeat of the latter. St Helens have three weeks to pay.

Gunnell wins award

ATHLETICS: Sally Gunnell, the Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, was yesterday nominated as the Panasonic/ITV Sports Personality of the Year for winning the 1993 world title in a world record time. Other nominees included fellow athletes, Linford Christie and Colin Jackson, the boxer, Lennox Lewis, and Nigel Mansell, the IndyCar champion. Manchester United were selected as sports team of the year for winning the Premier League and Ryan Giggs was given the Young Sports Personality of the Year award. Michael Jordan, the American basketball player who retired this year, received the international award.

No-ball proves decisive

CRICKET: A no-ball from Wayne Holdsworth, the New South Wales fast bowler, gave Victoria their second successive Sheffield Shield victory in Melbourne yesterday. Victoria were two runs away from their target of 263, with the No 11 batsman, Simon Cook, on strike, when Holdsworth overstepped the mark. A no-ball is worth two runs in Sheffield Shield competition. The one-wicket victory took Victoria to the top of the Shield table. Brad Hodge, with 92, and Dean Jones, the captain, with 72, led Victoria's run chase after New South Wales had declared their second innings at 268 for seven.

Devine progresses

REAL TENNIS: Mark Devine, the Leamington professional, reached the third round of the George Wimpey British Open championship with a straight sets victory over the Manchester head professional, Frank Willis. Devine was too mobile and hard-hitting for his opponent. Paul Tabley also looked sharp and in command as he put out the rapidly improving Tim Heughan. In the British Land Doubles championship, Devine looked equally impressive when partnering Kevin Sheldon, the Leamington head professional. They dropped only five games to defeat Alastair Curley and the Queen's professional, Hugh Latham.

WORD-WATCHING

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DEMOPHIL

(b) A friend of the people, a wet demagogue, from the Greek *dēmos* the people + *philein* to love or at any rate like: "A man may be a democrat without being a demophil."

EPILOGATION

(b) A summing up by way of conclusion, from *epilogue* and the OF *epilogacion*: "By way of epilogation and gathering of the whole matter into a brief summe."

FUNAMBULIST

(a) A performer on the tight (or slack) rope, a tight-rope walker, a rope-walker or rope-dancer, a performer whose art goes back to the Roman Empire, from the Latin *funis* a rope + *ambulare* to walk: "Political candidate requires qualified funambulist for full-time public relations officer position."

GLOBOSE

(b) Having the form of a globe, completely or approximately spherical, less hurtful when applied to an acquaintance than breasts assume a globose plumpness."

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Sloothaak competes for riches at Olympia

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

FRANKE Sloothaak, the German Olympic show jumper, will compete for £81,600 — the richest prize in Europe — in the Volvo World Cup qualifier at the Olympia Show Jumping championships in London next month.

The championships, which run from December 16 to 20, have been awarded the second leg of the new grand slam series. Four World Cup qualifiers are involved, Berlin, which was won by Sloothaak, London, Brussels and Paris. Prize-money ranges from £81,600 for the winner of two successive events to £408,000 — the richest prize on offer in the sport — if a rider wins all four.

Sloothaak is no stranger to success at Olympia. He won the qualifier in 1986 and the Grand Prix in 1987. But he faces formidable opposition this year. For the first time in the show's 22-year history the sport's three reigning champions are competing: Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic individual gold medal-winner, Eric Navet of France, the world champion and Willi Melliger, of Switzerland, the European champion.

Under World Cup rules 20 foreign riders have to be accommodated. This leaves room for only 17 British riders. Fourteen of these, led by Michael and John Whitaker, have qualified from the national ranking list. Three more, including John Popely, who is the highest placed Briton in the World Cup series, qualified at Arena UK last month.

The 37 riders will be competing for £165,000 over the four days of the show.

The Shetland Pony Grand National, the Four Gun Drive of the Kings Troop RHA and the flying Csikos from Hungary, where one man rides eight horses at once, are among the entertainments this year. Ticket sales have already reached 70 per cent capacity.

Board rejects Oslear's charge

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A CLAIM by Don Oslear, the umpire, that he had lost his job through supporting Allan Lamb's ball-tampering allegations in court, was exposed as unfounded and disingenuous yesterday when the Test and County Cricket Board disclosed that Oslear had been told last January that this would be his final year.

Stung into an unusually candid response by Oslear's public bitterness, the board's chief executive, Alan Smith, revealed that a letter had been sent to Oslear on January 6, informing him that his retirement would take effect from his 65th birthday on March 3 next year.

The only circumstances in which an umpire's retirement date can be deferred, according to Smith, are if there are no suitable applicants to take his place. "But at present we have a very strong list of 17 for two vacancies on the first-class register," he said. "The choice will be announced after our December meeting."

Oslear appeared on Lamb's behalf during last week's libel case, also involving Sarfraz Nawaz, and confirmed that the match ball for last year's one-day international at Lord's had been changed because the umpires believed it had been illegally damaged by the Pakistan team.



Oslear: barred by age

In his role as reserve umpire for that match, Oslear was privy to the backroom discussions which had never previously been made public. Despite having given evidence willingly, he subsequently protested that he was being victimised by the board for breaking his silence. "I have no doubt that my going into the High Court has cost me a final year's umpiring," he said.

Tony Brown, the board's administration secretary, immediately dismissed the claim. "To link the two things is extraordinary," he said. "The fact is that Don Oslear will have reached retirement age before next season begins." Oslear came onto the umpires' list in 1975 as something of a rarity in that he had played no first-class cricket. He graduated to the Test panel in 1980 and umpired five Tests before being demoted in 1985.

A man of strongly-voiced opinions, he has not always been on the best of terms with his employers and protested last summer that a report he had filed after a match at Worcester, criticising the behaviour of certain players, had been ignored.

Like Lamb, himself, Oslear will contend that he told what he knew of the ball tampering issue for the general good of the game. But the self-publicity he has created may also be beneficial if, as he promises, he tells more umpiring tales in a book.

Glanville's Falcons show off to Cowboys

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

JERRY Glanville dresses in black, wears belt buckles the size of steak platters and patrols the practice field on a Harley-Davidson. He leaves tickets at the window for Elvis and peddles a line of bull in a drawl unrecognisable in his native Michigan.

He is not your average, heel-clicking conservative National Football League coach, but his flamboyance was effective enough on Sunday. His Atlanta Falcons recorded a 27-14 victory to upset the Dallas Cowboys, whose seven-game winning sequence was thus ended. For the first time since the opening game, Dallas yielded more than one touchdown.

"Some people said we wouldn't be here for this game," Glanville said, "but not only did we show up, we beat the Super Bowl champs."

The Falcons, who lost their first five games, won for the fourth time in five weeks. Bobby Hebert directed three scoring drives in the first half, including two touchdown tosses to Mike Pritchard, and found Deion Sanders with a 70-yard touchdown strike four minutes from time. Hebert completed 24 of 32 passes for 315 yards.

Bernie Kosar, of Dallas, had little success in playing quarterback for the injured Troy Aikman, and the running back, Emmitt Smith, retired in the first half with a thigh bruise. Smith's availability for a Thanksgiving meeting with Miami, on Thursday, is in doubt.

"I am very upset," Smith said. "We took them lightly and were doing things that we usually don't do."

Atlanta led 20-0 with six minutes to play in the third quarter and the Cowboys rallied briefly when Kosar threw a one-yard scoring toss to Scott Galbraith.

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Cronje's dismissal heralds collapse

SOUTH Africa, needing 110 from the last 20 overs with seven wickets in hand to beat India in the Bengal Cricket Association one-day tournament in Chandigarh yesterday, collapsed so completely that they lost by 43 runs.

The result means that the teams will meet again in the first semi-final at Calcutta tomorrow. West Indies play Sri Lanka in the other semi-final on Thursday.

India's modest total of 221 was built around around two partnerships involving the left-handed Vinod Kambli, who scored 86. He added 88 in 19 overs with Ajay Jadeja for the second wicket and 51 in 11 overs with Mohammad Azharuddin for the fourth.

Apart from Jonty Rhodes, who scored 56, none of the South African batsmen reached 30. But a third-wicket partnership of 68 between Rhodes and Hansie Cronje kept them in the game.

The turning point came in the 28th over when Jadeja, in his first over, knocked out Cronje's middle stump.

INDIA

M Prabhakar lbw b de Villiers	1
A Jadeja run out	39
V G Kambli b Cronje	86
S R Tendulkar c Richardson b Cronje	3
*M Azharuddin run out	31
P K Amre c Donald b Cronje	2
Kapil Dev c Wessels b de Villiers	22
†V Yadav b Snell	2
A R Kumble run out	2
J Srinath c Hudson b Snell	1
S A Ankola not out	2
Extras (lb 1, lb 10, w 16, nb 3)	30
Total (49.2 overs)	221

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-94, 3-129, 4-180, 5-188, 6-192, 7-198, 8-199, 9-211.

BOWLING: Donald 8-0-39-0; de Villiers 8.2-0-27-2; Snell 10-0-54-2; McMillan 10-0-45-0, Cronje 10-0-29-3, Symcox 3-0-16-0.

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson lbw b Kapil Dev	27
*K C Wessels c Yadav b Srinath	1
W J Cronje b Jadeja	39
J N Rhodes lbw b Ankola	55
D J Callaghan c Kapil Dev b Jadeja	6
B M McMillan lbw b Kumble	2
†D J Richardson not out	23
P L Symcox b Prabhakar	2
R P Snell c Kumble b Ankola	2
P S de Villiers c Yadav b Ankola	1
A A Donald not out	5
Extras (lb 4, w 7, nb 3)	14
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-40, 3-108, 4-124, 5-127, 6-144, 7-147, 8-150, 9-157.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 10-0-36-1; Srinath 7-1-22-1, Ankola 10-1-33-3; Kapil Dev 8-1-32-1; Kumble 10-0-35-1; Jadeja 5-1-18-2.

Man of the match: V G Kambli

Final table

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
West Indies	4	3	1	0	0	6
India	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	4	2	1	0	1	5
Sri Lanka	4	1	3	0	0	2
Zimbabwe	4	0	2	1	1	2

Semi-finals: Tomorrow: South Africa v India. Thursday: West Indies v Sri Lanka.

Greatbatch provides timely Test reminder

MARK Greatbatch confirmed his return to form with a top score of 64 as New Zealand completed a seven-wicket victory over South Australia in Adelaide yesterday.

The opening batsman, who scored 65 in the first innings, put on 131 for the first wicket with his Test opening partner, Blair Pocock, who made 60 in New Zealand's second innings of 143 for three.

South Australia resumed at 247 for seven in their second innings on the fourth day and took their total to 260 for nine before closing the innings with their last man, Peter McIntyre, unable to bat because of a chipped bone in a finger.

Their captain, Darren Lehmann, said New Zealand would be worthy opponents in the second Test match starting in Hobart on Friday. "They played some very good cricket. I can't see why they can't win one Test if they play well enough. All of their bowlers were impressive and kept a good line and length," he said.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings 168 (J C Scuderi 51; S B Doull 6-56)

Second Innings

G R Blewett c Rutherford b Haslam	49
P C Nobes lbw b Su'a	17
J A Brayshaw b Doull	94
*D S Lehmann b Su'a	16
D S Webber lbw b Doull	10
†T J Nielsen lbw b de Groen	8
J C Scuderi lbw b de Groen	0
D A Reeves not out	40
T B A May c Rutherford b de Groen	13
B N Wigney c Patel b Doull	7
Extras (lb 3, nb 3)	6
Total (9 wkts dec)	260

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-88, 3-110, 4-144, 5-175, 6-175, 7-213, 8-247, 9-260.

BOWLING: Su'a 21-4-71-2 (nb 3); de Groen 24-10-50-3; Doull 19.5-4-64-3; Haslam 17-2-30-1; Patel 19-5-52-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 276 for 6 dec (K R Rutherford 76, M J Greatbatch 65, M L Su'a 56).

Second Innings

M J Greatbatch c Brayshaw b Wigney	64
B A Pocock c May b Nielsen	60
B A Young lbw b Wigney	0
D N Patel not out	10
C Z Harris not out	1
Extras (lb 7, w 1)	8
Total (3 wkts)	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-131, 2-131, 3-135

BOWLING: Reeves 6-1-19-0; Scuderi 8-0-24-0 (w 1), May 17-3-49-0; Wigney 10-3-24-2; McNamara 8-3-11-0; Lehmann 3-1-4-0; Nielsen 3.5-2-5-1

☐ Australia are likely to include two spin bowlers, Shane Warne and Tim May, in their team for the second Test against New Zealand after they were selected in an unchanged 12 yesterday.

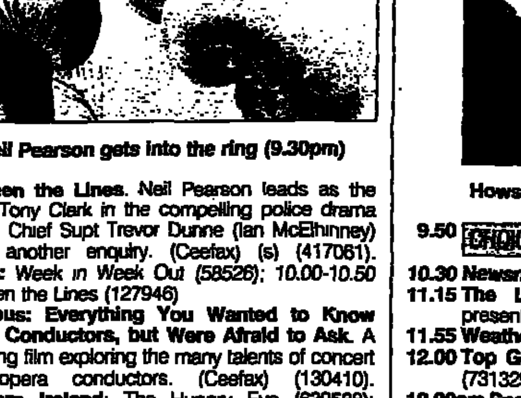
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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Weather (255)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (507). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Holiday. The travel magazine covers Orlando, the Wolfgangsee in Austria, the west coast of Crete and Christmas shopping in Calais. (Ceefax) (2651)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (491)
8.00 Children's Hospital. Real-life medical drama from Sheffield. (Ceefax) (6101)
8.30 A Question of Sport. This week's guests on the sports quiz are Alec Stewart, Gary Speed, Dewi Morris and Jane Sixsmith. As always, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham captain the teams and David Coleman asks the questions. (Ceefax) (s) (5236)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) Weather (3472)

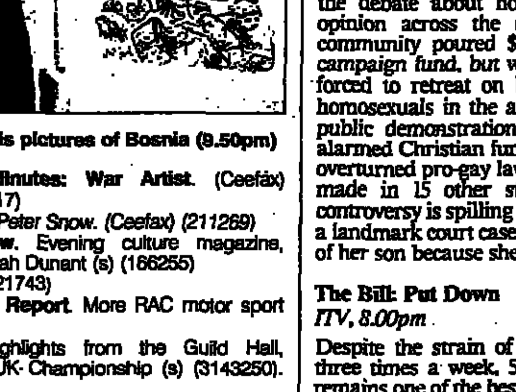


Neil Pearson gets into the ring (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines. Neil Pearson leads as the CIB's Tony Clark in the compelling police drama series. Chief Supt Trevor Dunne (Ian McElhinney) faces another enquiry. (Ceefax) (s) (417061). **Wales:** *Week in Week Out (58526); 10.00-10.50* Between the Lines (127946)
10.20 Omnibus: Everything You Wanted to Know About Conductors, but Were Afraid to Ask. A revealing film exploring the many talents of concert and opera conductors. (Ceefax) (130410). **Northern Ireland**: The Hungry Eye (639588); 10.50-11.40 Omnibus (477588). **Wales:** 10.50-11.40 Omnibus
11.10 FILM: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975). Jack Nicholson is in his element as an incorrigible, saner-than-the-staff, rebel in a mental institution, in this tragi-comic 1970s classic. Louise Fletcher and Will Sampson provide excellent support. Directed by Milos Forman. (Ceefax) (93411762). **Northern Ireland and Wales:** 11.40-1.50am FILM: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (67098694)
1.20am Weather (7250786). Ends at **1.25**
2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (383095); 3.15 Legal Network Television (75163). Ends at **3.45**

BBC2

6.45 FILM: Here We Go Again (1942, b/w). Lightweight comedy with Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and a host of other contemporary American radio entertainers. Directed by Allan Dwan (5124897)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (9379304)
8.15 Westminster Daily (6417994)
9.00 Soviet 1929-1933. The Bolshoi Ballet of the 1930s (7576588)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children 1.20 **The Brollys** (81434526), and at **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96127781)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (90067859) **2.05 You and Me** (14928859)
2.15 Canvas. This week's celebrated painting is Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* (r) (14931323)
2.30 See Hear! Magazine for people with impaired hearing (r) (s) (168)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4486965) **3.05 Westminster Live**. *Broadcasting from Parliament*. (Ceefax) (9843255) **3.50 News**. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7882656)
4.00 Snooker. The UK Championship from Preston's Guild Hall (s) (7830)
6.00 FILM: Matt Houston (1982). Made as a pilot for the television series, this glossy but vapid thriller stars Lee Horsley as the rich Texan with time to kill and a *penchant for solving murder mysteries. Jill St John* is among the supporting cast. Directed by Richard Lang (86994)
7.30 Top Gear Rally Report. Coverage of the third day of the RAC Rally includes action from Kielder (436156)
7.45 CHOICE **Assignment: Backs Against the Wall** (821878)
8.30 Food and Drink. *Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke visit* the Mosel valley in Germany as the first stage of a European wine tour. Other items include a traditional Christmas cake recipe. With Chris Kelly and Michael Barry (s) (3878)
9.00 Wild Palms. The third part of Oliver Stone's uneven near-future drama. Grace is reunited with her father *and the Friends. Starring James Belushi, Dana Delany and Angie Dickinson. (Ceefax) (s) (662033)*



Howson with his pictures of Bosnia (9.50pm)

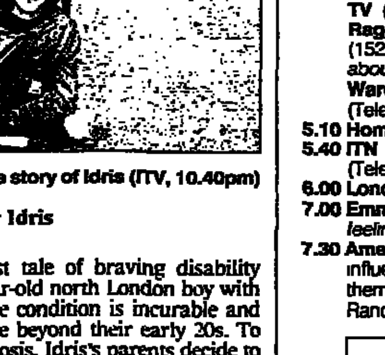
9.50 CHOICE **40 Minutes: War Artist**. (Ceefax) (961217)
10.30 Newsnight *with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (211269)*
11.15 The Late Show. Evening culture magazine, presented by Sarah Dunant (s) (166255)
11.55 Weatherview (321743)
12.00 Top Gear Rally Report. More RAC motor sport (7313298)
12.20am Snooker. Highlights from the Guild Hall, Preston, of the UK Championship (s) (3143250). Ends at **1.50**
2.00 Night School (87569). Ends at **4.00**

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CHOICE

40 Minutes: War Artist
BBC2, 9.50pm

Peter Howson, the Scottish painter whose work has been bought by Madonna, Robbie Coltrane and Bob Geldof, goes to Bosnia as Britain's war artist. He reckons that official war art in the past has tended to gloss over the real horrors. Howson is in no danger of perpetuating that tradition. To start with he is an uncompromising artist, whose work could never be described as cosy. In any case his experience of Bosnia, as he takes his sketch pad to the front line and witnesses death and mutilation at first hand, is too painful to be sanitised. The film is presented without commentary, mostly in Howson's own words. It incidentally gives a graphic inside picture of the thankless task of the British peacekeeping force.



Desmond Wilcox tells the story of Idris (ITV, 10.40pm)

The Visit: A Voyage For Idris
ITV, 10.40pm

Desmond Wilcox's latest tale of braving disability centres on Idris, a 14-year-old north London boy with muscular dystrophy. The condition is incurable and few of its victims survive beyond their early 20s. To exorcise this bleak diagnosis, Idris's parents decide to *cash in their savings and take the boy on a year's trip to France and the Greek islands. Their transport is a* leaky catamaran and the trip proves to be a strenuous *test of their limited experience as sailors. Along the* way Dad accidentally falls on Idris and breaks his leg. But the odyssey succeeds in its main aim of bringing the family closer together. Back in the real world, however, the old strains return. The film scores on its honesty and lack of sentimentality.

Assignment: Backs Against the Wall
BBC2, 7.45pm

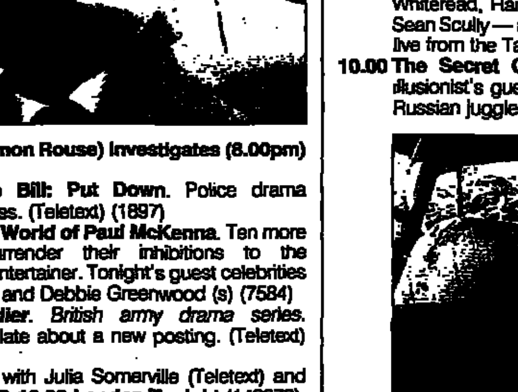
David Lomax reports from the United States on how the debate about homosexual rights is polarising opinion across the nation. The gay and lesbian community poured $3½ million into Bill Clinton's *campaign fund, but were disappointed when he was* forced to retreat on his pledge to end the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces. At the same time *public demonstrations by gays and lesbians have* alarmed Christian fundamentalists. In Colorado they overturned pro-gay laws and similar moves are being made in 15 other states. Lomax shows how the controversy is spilling over into schools and highlights a landmark court case in which a woman lost custody of her son because she was a lesbian.

The Bill: Put Down
ITV, 8.00pm

Despite the strain of having to find fresh material three times a week, 52 weeks a year, the cop show remains one of the best things on television. *It offers a* plausible portrait of the police as neither heroes nor villains but fallible professionals. The stories are authentically drawn from life and the characterisation is satisfyingly rounded. The casting, both of the regular police characters and of the outsiders is meticulous. Above all, the series is an object lesson in economic narrative. While other television dramas spread languidly over three or four hours, *The Bill* gets straight to the point. It does so tonight in Edward Canfor-Dumas's script about the apparent mercy killing of an elderly man. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV including at **9.00 Top of the Morning** with Amanda Redington (8825052)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Dale Winton hosts a trolley dash (s) (7597101) **9.55 London Today** (6254304)
10.00 The Time ... the Place. John Stapleton hosts a topical debate (s) (3361526)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine programme with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (78348491) **12.20 London Today** (7152946)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9190168)
12.55 Emmerdale. Turner solves Carol's problems (r). (Teletext) (9175859)
1.25 Home and Away. Roxy is too proud to admit that her new car is a dud (Teletext) (30444217)
1.55 A Country Practice. Matt and Lucy prepare to become foster parents (s) (42154694)
2.20 Gardener's Diary. Including a guide to the best house plants for Christmas (59783859)
2.50 The Young Doctors. *Hospital-set serial from* Australia. Mike and Gloria settle their differences (7222120) **3.20 News** headlines (4493255) **3.25 London Today** (4492526)
3.30 Children's ITV: The Riddlers (2432507) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7813526) **3.50 Cartoon** (7802410) **4.00 Raggy Dolls**. Twee puppet animation for tots (s) (1522830) **4.15 Hurricanes**. Adventure cartoon *about a soccer team (4934588)* **4.40 Children's Ward**. Above-average drama serial for teenagers. (Teletext) (s) (5140323)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2020694)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (907859)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (48149)
7.00 Emmerdale. Julie's plans for Christmas leave Nick *feeling disappointed. (Teletext) (2149)*
7.30 American Affair. The series exploring American influences on British culture tonight focuses on theme parks and shopping malls. Presented by Randall Lee Rose (s) (859)



Meadows (Simon Rouse) investigates (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **The Bill: Put Down**. Police drama series. (Teletext) (1897)
8.30 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Ten more volunteers surrender their inhibitions to the mesmerising entertainer. Tonight's guest celebrities are Mica Paris and Debbie Greenwood (s) (7584)
***9.00 Soldier, Soldier**. British army drama series.* Rumours circulate about a new posting. (Teletext) (s) (9994)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville (Teletext) and weather (13965) **10.30 London Tonight** (142878)
10.40 CHOICE **The Visit: A Voyage for Idris**. (Teletext) (s) (119052)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (129859)
12.30am The *Little Picture Show*. *Video news and* reviews. Films featured include *Nowhere to Run* and *Alive* (31811)
1.30 The Twilight Zone. An eerie tale (7505786)
2.25 FILM: Jumping for Joy (1955, b/w). Predictable comedy starring Frankie Howerd as a greyhound track attendant who exposes a gang of crooks. With Stanley Hol000025and Alfie Bass. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (944845)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (16873)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (93502)
5.30 ITN Morning News (24811). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Adventure animation (1946762) **6.50 The Wombles**. Adventures on Wimbledon Common (r) (2661033)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (16491)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (90014)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (1482762) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5122965) **10.02** Videoteca (6262323) **10.23** Place and People (6006255) **10.44** Good Health (4298781) **11.00** Science in Focus (7616878) **11.22** Stage One (7609588) **11.40** How We Used to Live (5203946)
12.00 House to House. Political news and analysis with Maya Even (10878)
12.30 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children. The guests are Billy Joel and Marlee Matlin (73526) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak**. Cartoon (r) (20743)
2.00 FILM: Innocents in Paris (1953, b/w). Mild but entrancing comedy with Alastair Sim and a delightful British cast including Margaret Rutherford, Claire Bloom and Laurence Harvey. Directed by Gordon Parry (895014)
3.40 Sumodo. Short film about the run-up to a sumo wrestling contest (r) (2410385)
3.55 Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio. Alwyn Crawshaw paints skies (3188781)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-paced general knowledge *contest. (Teletext) (s) (472)*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. An amnesiac talks about her shock at discovering that she was wanted by the FBI. (Teletext) (s) (3020694)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (422859)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Comedy with Robin Williams as the unworldly alien (r) (965)
6.30 Roseanne. American sitcom with Roseanne Arnold *and John Goodman. Becky and Martin split up (r).* (Teletext) (s) (217)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) and weather (325878)
7.50 Comment. A viewer's opinion (945830)
8.00 The Talking Show. Sandi Toksvig focuses on memory development and delves into listening and understanding. With Claire Rayner and Benjamin Zephaniah. (Teletext) (s) (9439)
8.30 Check Out 93. The consumer watchdog show asks if current obscenity laws are effective in the area of electronic entertainment products (s) (8946)
9.00 Without Walls: The Turner Prize. Channel 4 is sponsoring the annual award for contemporary art for the third successive year. *Without Walls* profiles the work of the four contenders — Rachel Whiteread, Hannah Collins, Vong Phaophanit and Sean Scully — and covers the award's presentation, live from the Tate Gallery. (Teletext) (8656)
10.00 The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake. The illusionist's guests are poker player Ricky Jay and Russian jugglers Tkach (r) (s) (590878)



Melissa Leo protects her child (10.35pm)

10.35 FILM: Immaculate Conception (1992). The *Hot Cinema* season continues with this powerful drama set in Pakistan, about an American woman and her sceptical husband who visit a fertility shrine. Starring James Wilby and Melissa Leo. Directed by Jamil Dehlavi. In English and Urdu with English subtitles (s) (19091859)
12.55am Football Italia. Highlights of AC Milan v Napoli (3580415). Ends at **1.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Evening Session with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Musicmusicmusic: Words with Jonathan King (6 of 10) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show incl at **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** *Wake Up to Wogan* incl at **8.40** Pause for Thought **9.30** *Ken Bruce* **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Junkin's Jokers. See Choice **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** By Hart **10.00** The Rat Pack: Vegas **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride incl at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-5.00am** *Alex Lester incl at* **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition with Michele Stephens **9.00** For Schools: Infant Science: See for Yourself, **9.10** Radio Numbertime, **9.20** First Steps in Drama, **9.35** Wordplay, **9.45** Singing Together. **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Strange Stories **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide with Patrick Eade **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-in **6.30** Hacker by Malorie Blackman (3 of 4) **7.15** *Love Them, Hate* Them Eye Opener by Jan Mark **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot with Steve McKenna **12.00** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** *Morgenmagazin* **5.30** *Europe* Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Perfectly Proportioned **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Coast to Coast **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Tchaikovsky **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf, The Master **2.45** American Pioneers **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Homeward Bound **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '93 **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons with Virginia Bottomley **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Marcello (Oboe Concerto in D minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Opera Guide with Hugh Macpherson **8.00** Evening Concert: Spanish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Igor Markevitch performs music by Manuel de Falla **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Sandy Beech

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Village Show (59783859) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2020694) **6.00** Home and Away (794588) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (669439) **7.30-8.00** Help (859) **12.30am** FILM: Bug (178892) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (1067989) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8404989) **4.10** Nite Bites (75073231) **4.20** *Get Stuffed (75079415)* **4.30** *Riviera* (39157057) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (5216106)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm Shortland Street (42154694) **2.20** Travel Trails (59783859) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7222120) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2020694) **6.00** Home and Away (794588) **6.25-7.00** Central News (669430) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (859) **11.40** Married with Children (927781) **12.10am** Kojak (8521095) **1.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (49279) **1.30** The Big E (7505786) **2.25** Take 15 (7815279) **2.35** Riviera (5678298) **3.05** The Beat (8923231) **4.05** Jobfinder (3770989) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2637683)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Travel Trails (59783859) **6.00** HTV News (323) **6.30-7.00** Problems (675) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (859) **12.30am** FILM: Bug (178892) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (1067989) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8404989) **4.10** Nite Bites (75073231) **4.20** Get Stuffed (75079415) **4.30** Riviera (39157057) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (5216106)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (323) **6.30-7.00** The Munsters Today (675) **7.30-8.00** *Home Ground* (859)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.20pm Yan Can Cook (59783859) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7222120) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4492526) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Freescreen (412472) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (323) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (675) **7.30-8.00** Great House Cookery (859) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (142878) **11.40-12.30am** The Equalizer (129859) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (93502)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-12.30 Lookaround (7160965) **1.55** A Country Practice (42154694) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (59783859) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News *(4492526) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (382743)* **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (675) **7.30-8.00** The Barclays Northern Business Awards (859) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (142878) **11.40** FILM: Family Reunion (954878) **1.35am** The Little Picture Show (3430908) **2.35** Sledge Hammer (5678298) **3.05** 60 Minutes (9154347) **4.00** Stage Two (18873) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93502)

ULSTER
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 UTV Live (6254304) **12.20pm-12.30** UTV Live *(7152946) 2.20-2.50 Travel Trails* (59783859) **3.25-3.30** UTV Live (4492526) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (48149) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (142878) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (129859) **12.30am** FILM: Bug (178892) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (1067989) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8404989) **4.10** Nite Bites (75073231) **4.20** Get Stuffed (75079415) **4.30** Riviera (39157057) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (5216106)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (27960830) **2.25** Travel Trails (59775830) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (9493476) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (48149) **7.30-8.00** Men in a Woman's World (859) **12.30am** FILM: Bug (178892) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (1067989) **3.20** The ITV Chart Show (8404989) **4.10** Nite Bites (75073231) **4.20** Get Stuffed (75079415) **4.30** Riviera (39157057) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News (6254304) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar News *(7152946)* **2.20-2.50** *Travel Trails* (59783859) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (4492526) **5.55** Calendar (382743) **6.30-7.00** Takeout (675) **7.30-8.00** Big Business (859) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (142878) **11.40** FILM: Family Reunion (David Elsner, Rebecca Jenkins) (954878) **1.35am** The Little Picture Show (3430908) **2.35** Sledge Hammer (5678298) **3.05** 60 Minutes *(9154347)* **4.00** *Stage Two (18873)* **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93502)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (16491) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (90014) **9.30** Schools (411439) **12.00** House to House (10878) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (21472) **1.00** The Wonder Years (26878) **1.30** Plant Life (20743) **2.00** The Late Late Show (93052) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (6556491) **3.50** Laurel and Hardy (7800052) **4.00** Slot 23 (5748) **5.00** Happy Days (3255) **5.30** Fifteen to One (192) **6.00** Newyddion (877385) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (632138) **6.25** Hero (650781) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3491) **7.30** Milgwn Merlyn (101) **8.00** Y Ferch Drws Nesa (721472) **8.05** Harts Of The West (580052) **8.30** Newyddion (8946) **9.00** Cutting Edge (8656) *10.00 The Golden Girls (11507)* **10.30** Dim Tafod (37965) **11.30** Snwcer (98507) **12.00** The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake (21724) **12.30am** The Almost Complete History of the 20th Century (9974250) **12.45** Desmond's (81724)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents Schmelzer (Sonata con Arie zu der Kaiserlichen Serenada); Sibelius (Karelia Suite, Op 11); Stravinsky *(Tango); Brahms (*Hungarian Dances: No 5 in G minor, No 6 in D); Poulenc (Timor et Tremor; Vinea mea Electa); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 15 in B Flat, K450)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Panufnik. Old Polish Suite, Miniature Studies, Lullaby and *Sinfonia Rustica*, with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra
10.00 Musical Encounters: Glazunov (Carnival Overture); Szymanowski (Nocturne and Tarantella, Op 28); Handel (La Resurrezione, excerpts); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A Minor, D845); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in *B minor)*
12.00 Music Restored (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 English String Music: City of London Sinfonia, under Richard Hickox. Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis); Barry Guy (After the Rain); Elgar (Serenade for *Strings)*
2.00 Chopin: The Great Interpreters: Stephen Plaistow and James Gibb examine recordings of great Chopin pianists of the past. They discuss works including the Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor, Ballade No 1 and the Mazurkas, played by Cortot, Rubinstein, Hoffmann, Kochalski and Sztompka
3.30 The Fine Song. The 18th century is the subject of Robert Tear's survey of English song. Featuring arias from operas by Handel and Gay, and songs by Weldon, Dibdin, Arne and Hook
4.15 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Symphony Orchestra, under David Atherton, performs Stravinsky (Four Norwegian Moods); Tippett (Symphony No 2)
5.00 In Tune. Rodney Slatford introduces music associated with Yorkshire from the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Chris Fitkin (The Yorkshire Sextet); Purcell (The Yorkshire Feast Song); Johann Strauss, arr Schoenberg (Kaiserwalzer)
7.00 Festival of Baroque Music 1993: Monteverdi's Orfeo is more of a fable set to music than an opera. However, he uses all his skills as a composer of madrigals to create this dramatic version of the ancient myth
9.00 Snapshots: Bogdan Frymorgen and photographer Chris Schwarz discuss the salt mines of Wieliczka, where there is a labyrinth of thousands of fairytale chambers
9.25 Penderecki: Gwyn Pritchard introduces the Leipzig Radio Symphony Orchestra under The Composer, with Timothy Hugh, cello, performs a concert to celebrate the birthday of Krzysztof Penderecki. Paradise Lost (Act 2), Cello Concerto, Symphony No 2 (*Christmas*).
10.45 Night Waves: Presented by Tony Palmer, live from Gdansk
11.30 Ulster Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins with Colin Fleming, flute performs Elsner (Overture: Leszek Biały); Panufnik (Hommage à Chopin); Sikorski (Strings in *the Earth*); Karłowicz (Serenade, Op 2)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this am on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev James Butterworth **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Eric James **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 Celtic Wanderers: Machynlleth to the Border (**FM** only). Mike Harding and Ray Gravell continue their search for the 14th-century hero Owain Glyndwr
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Jeremiah (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
12.00pm News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25 Wordly Wise: Peter Hobday quizzes guests Rosie Boycott, Andy Hamilton, Lorelei King and David Thomas on derivations and other aspects of the English language (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Rope Burn, by Bruce Bedford. Terry, Sarah and Alan run an outdoor activity centre surrounded by mountains. An ideal setting for an "accident" to take place. With Robert Glenister, Marilyn Le Conte and Alan Moore
2.30 Personal Records: Jeremy Nicholas visits the home of Joanna MacGregor and explores her record collection
3.00-4.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) live from Westminster
3.00 Look Who's Talking (FM only): Martin Wainwright enters the world of the political speech-writers
3.30 Pot Luck – with John Tovey: John Tovey offers new ideas and celebrates the pleasures of food and drink
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan reviews Geoff Dyer's new novel *The Search*; and Judy Meewezen reports from an international film college in Denmark
4.45 Short Story: Lessons, by Judith Cutler. Read by Geoffrey Wheeler
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Crampton Hodnet: The Beginning of the End. The penultimate episode in the six-part adaptation of Barbara Pym's novel (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Mark Whittaker reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Devil's Advocate. See Choice
8.45 In Touch, presented by Peter White
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: We Are Still Married. Read and written by Garrison Keillor
11.00 Mediumwave. Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Devil's Advocate: Machiavelli. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*
A new, assertive and somewhat gushing interviewer conducts this resumed series of vigorous defences of fictional fiends. The Australian writer Kathy Lette tends to hog the spotlight which should have stayed on her devil's advocate. Salman Rushdie. He raises today's satanic total to three if you subscribe to the fundamentalist Muslim view of *him.* The other two devils are Machiavelli and the eponymous prince who is the subject of his famous satire. Predictably, in holding up a mirror to Machiavelli's and the prince's unjustly execrated images, Rushdie sees his own face reflected in it, too.

Junkin's Jokers: Betty Marsden. *Radio 2, 7.00pm.*
Marsden has long been one of radio's very best comedy actresses, but what makes her laugh? Of course, the two Kenneths, Williams and Horne, *opposite* whom she played for 11 years, do, as does Peter Sellers, setting fire to a policeman (though the jape is not as funny these violent days as it used to be). John Cleese, in *Fawlty Towers*, is also on the list. Marsden has guaranteed that John Junkin's hilarious series ends in great form. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50590052) **8.40** Lamb Chop: Play-a-Long (4122588) **9.10** Cartoons (9626120) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (74588) **10.00** Card Sharks (3138410) **10.25** Concentration (8461120) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8271507) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (82694) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (36830) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (78304) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (73859) **2.00** The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald (26304) **3.00** Another World (8464439) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8359410) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4762) **6.00** Games World (1385) **6.30** Paradise Beach (5965) **7.00** Rescue (5491) **7.30** *Growing Pains (1149)* **8.00** *Anything But Love* (1439) **8.30** Melrose Place (83217) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (39439) **11.00** The Kennedys (50859) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (31786) **1.00am** Night Court (98273) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (27144)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (8938014) **9.30** Nightline (45830) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (34238) **11.30** Japan Business Today (54878) **12.30pm** World News/Business (38052) **1.30** News (39781) **2.30** Parliament Live (73491) **4.30** World News/Business (1762) **5.00** Live at Five (676304) **7.30** Target (94323) (48728) **9.30** Talkback (89410) **10.00** International Hour (51859) **11.30** News (45410) **12.30am** World News (77637) **1.30** Target (22960) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (52250) **3.30** Talkback (64095) **4.30** Target (51960) **5.30-6.00** News (46057)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6878656)
10.00 Four Eyes (1991): An optometrist moves to the Wild West (87180168)
*11.55 **The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming!*** (1966): Cold War comedy about a grounded Russian sub With Alan Arkin (18439491)
2.00pm Hostile Guns (1967): US marshal George Montgomery is forced to escort the woman he loves to a penitentiary (13491)
4.00 The Night Rider (1978): Lawyer David Selby spends his nights as a Zorro-like figure in cape and mask (9694)
6.00 Four Eyes (as at 10.00am) (33255)
8.00 K2 (1991): Climbers embark on a voyage of self-discovery (33392)
10.00 The Godfather Part III (1990): Al Pacino plays Michael Corleone, the ageing Mafioso trying to escape his past (76801168)
12.50am House IV (1990): A woman and her wheelchair-bound teenage daughter are trapped in a haunted house (226521)
***2.25 La Cage aux Folles II** (1980): An* ageing transvestite declares that he has batted his false eyelashes for the last time (634095)
4.00 Enemy Territory (1987): Jan-Michael Vincent comes to the rescue of a timid insurance salesman (47328). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Harper Valley PTA (1978). Liberal housewife Barbara Eden offends with her radical ideas about family life (93675)
8.00 Street Fighter (1975). James Coburn takes on Charles Bronson as a street fighter (98120)
10.00 Risky Business (1983): A teenage boy turns his house into a brothel. With Tom Cruise (246101). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Naked Runner (1967): An American in Germany is sucked into an assassination plot. (74633)
8.00 Young Survivors (1982): Three shipwrecked children tell one another stories to keep their minds off their plight (48526)
10.00 Somebody Loves Me (1952): Musical about a Vaudeville couple (70762)
12.00 Quebec (1951): Steamy drama set in 1830s Quebec (38149)
2.00pm Salome (1953): Rita Hayworth dances John the Baptist's head(11033)
4.00 Young Survivors (as at 8.00am) (7236)
6.00 Green Card (1990): Gerard Depardieu and Andie MacDowell embark on a marriage of convenience (31897)
8.00 Wild Texas Wind (1991): A would-be singer (Dolly Parton) is accused of murdering her manager (24083052)
9.40 Special Feature: John Landis (547033)
10.00 The Last Boy Scout (1991): Bruce Willis remembers his penknife but forgets his toggle (459588)
11.50 Neon Empire (1991): A mobster sets up a gambling city in the sleepy 40s desert town of Las Vegas (55324588)
1.55am Harbour Beat (1990). Two cops take on the task of tackling corruption in the Sydney police force (247057)
3.30 Friends (1971) Runaway French teenagers make their problems even worse by having a baby (933704). Ends at **5.15**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (5732656) **7.15** Prime Bodies (503526) **7.45** World Sports (502697) **8.15** Soccer News (3663897) **8.30** Motor World (47043) **9.00** Prime Bodies (92385) **9.30** Trucks and Tractors (49781) **10.00** KickBoxing (82472) **11.00** Windsurfing (23304) **11.30** Motorsport (74656) **12.30pm** Football (75946) **2.30** ATP Tennis Finals (26507) **4.30** Gymnastics (47965) **5.30** Football Quiz (7743) **6.00** Soccer News (853830) **6.15** Netbusters (858385) **6.30** Superbowls (11192) **7.30** Hockey (98439) **8.30** Football Show (23859) **10.00** Soccer News (714878) **10.15** The Boss (846878) **10.45** French Football (506033) **11.45-1.45am** German Football (997781)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (88656) *8.00 Rallying* (97830) **8.30** Golf: Japanese Tour (31304) **9.30** Figure Skating: Lalique Trophy (61615) **11.00** Eurogoals (97304) **12.00** News (24472) **1.00pm** Rallying (91120) **1.30** Tennis: WTA Masters (44217) **3.30** Eurofun (3168) **4.00** American Football (50656) **5.30** Eurogoals (32507) **6.30** Eurosport (3304) **7.00** Figure Skating (57781) **8.30** Rallying (4304) **9.00** Boxing (49830) **10.00** Snooker (58217) **11.00** Billiards (18897) **12.00-12.30am** News (98434)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (4885859) **7.30** Neighbours (4897694) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7055236) **8.30** EastEnders (7064507) **9.00** The Bill (7045859) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (2056491) **10.30** Wings (5485743) **11.30** Rhoda (9847762) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7058323) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1229120) **1.00** EastEnders (4877830) **1.30** The Bill (1228491) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (8919859) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5178976) **3.00** Dallas (9858878) **4.00** Dynasty (9837385) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8933439) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (1578912) **6.00** Neighbours (4728435) **6.30** EastEnders (6728615) **7.00** When the Boat Comes in (9381014) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (8922323) **8.30** Brush Strokes (8901830) **9.00** Wings (9310526) **10.00** The Bill (7059052) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (7035472) **11.00** Top of the Pops (7354061) **11.45** Dr Who (5612439) **12.15am** FILM: Moonrise (1948, b/w): Revenge drama with Ethel Barrymore (2523960) **1.50** Video Bites (89328415) **2.15-3.30** Shopping (21401908)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (257965) **9.00** Jack in the Box (56255) **11.00** Stories Without Words (65304) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (66033) **12.00** Fame (62656) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (37743) **3.00** The Care Bears (1142120) **3.25** RatKan II (3224149) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (8014) **4.00** Clyde (7149) **4.30-5.00** Beakman's World (6033)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (29633) **7.30** Guts (84830) **8.00** Get the Picture (97584) **8.30** Wild Side (47025) **9.00** Rabbit's Ears (23255) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (47323) **10.00** Janosch (52743) **10.30** David the Gnome (29439) **11.00** Elephant Show (21946) **11.30** Eureeka (80746) **12.30pm** Rabbit's Ears (58439) **1.00** David the Gnome (79174) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (40410) **2.00** Janosch (8507) **2.30** Story Time (4897) **3.00** Kablooey (7014) **3.30** Out of Control (6014) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (5149) **4.30** Hey Dude (4033) **5.00** Clarissa (9859) **5.30** Get the Picture (5385) **6.00** Guts (5525) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (6878)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (8978138) **4.30** Waterways (7073502) **5.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory (8910588) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5451120) **6.50** Extra Dimensions (6803323) **7.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (8911217) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers (6823061) **8.00** Spies (8920965) **8.30** Wars in Peace (8909472) **9.00** Wings Over the World (9318168) **10.00** Disappearing World (9311255) **11.00-12.00** Riding the Tiger (4692149)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7043491) **12.30pm** FILM: Night Freight (1955, b/w): Transport wars (3968588) **2.00** FILM: Dangerous Moonlight (1941, b/w): Wartime romance about a pianist turned bomber pilot (1419014) **3.30** The Gift (4023287) **4.00** The Flying Nun (9873584) **4.30** My Three Sons (3473548) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8928507) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (5473728) **6.00** The Invisible Man (2128651) **6.30** Torchy, the Battery Boy (8423043) **7.00** The Partridge Family (8908743) **8.00** FILM: The Night Has Eyes (1942, b/w): Mystery on the Yorkshire moors (73598830) **9.20** Lovely Days (7681656) **9.50** Film Breaks (1889304) **10.00** FILM: City Under the Sea (1965): Undersea ruler Vincent Price kidnaps a beautiful woman (5714149) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6743588)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (1780965) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2048101) **8.30** Living Daylights (2047472) **9.00** Divorce Court (2061052) **9.30** Hot Topics (4201439) **10.00** Your Baby and Child (2754830) **10.30** Living Extra (2067236) **11.00** Family Affairs (8206588) **11.30** Floyd on Fish (8207217) **12.00** Practical Living (41931507) **12.15pm** Kilroy (5317182) **1.00** Crosswits (2169168) **1.30** Divorce Court (4204526) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2762859) **3.00** Agony Hour (8201033) **4.00** Crosswits (5668491) **4.30** Infatuation (5664675) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (8235304) **6.00** Beautywise (5685168) **6.30** Italian Regional Cooking (5669120) **7.00** Agony Hour (2126507) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2137255) **9.00** FILM: Convicted: A Mother's Story (1987): Custody battle drama (2107014) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (6256149) **11.00** Infatuation (8185491) **11.30** Dr Ruth (2750014) **12.00-1.00** Days of Our Lives (1737873)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (1859) **5.30** The Wonder Years (7385) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (7526) **6.30** Catchphrase (8878) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4323) **7.30** All Clued Up (7762) **8.00** Remington Steele (66138) **9.00** Neon Rider (87014) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (44762) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (53410) **11.00** Newhart (57385) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (45762) **12.00-1.00** Lou Grant (13328)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (269323) **9.00** VJ Marijne (740588) **11.30** The Pulse (68491) **12.00** Greatest Hits (64014) **1.00pm** On Tour (128217) **3.30** Report (1517168) **3.45** At the Movies (1505323) **4.00** News (1030762) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1020385) **4.30** Dial MTV (8491) **5.00** The Soul Of MTV (3217) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (54965) **7.00** Sports (6781) **7.30** Most Wanted (93217) **9.00** Greatest Hits (89472) **10.00** Report (888052) **10.15** At the Movies (883507) **10.30** News (948014) **10.45** 3 From 1 (976897) **11.00** Hit List UK (37439) **1.00** VJ Marijne (80521) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (4045144)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (42149) **6.30** Punjabi News (7891236) **6.45** Gujarati News (5741385) **7.00** Bengali News (74762) **7.30** Hindi News (93897) **8.00** Urdu News (37472) **8.30** English News (71946) **9.30** Pal Jhar (47236) **10.30** Lifestyle (98472) **11.30** Telly Talk (60859) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (47859) **12.30pm** Sauda (70675) **1.00** Bengali FILM. Love 86 (816255) **4.00** Kiddie Time (76410) **5.00** Dedicated to You (3520) **7.00** Showtime (56120) **8.00** English News (646675) **8.15** Apnabee (1371101) **9.00** FILM Bond 303 (380255) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6004892) **1.00** FILM: Kundan (9662569) **4.00** Parao (69237) **5.00** Taalash (82434) *5.30-6.00 Music (96827)*

TNT
7.00pm The Venetian Affair (1967): Bombers kidnap a CIA agent's wife (34774507)
8.45 West of Shanghai (1937, b/w): Boris Karloff as a Chinese warlord terrorising fugitives in a remote village (43148726)
10.00 British Intelligence (1940, b/w). Boris Karloff plays a German spy working for the British War Office (68645565)
11.15 Shadow of a Woman (1946, b/w): A woman finds she has married a sadist (35898507)
12.45am The Prizefighter and the Lady (1933, b/w): A prize-fighter knocks himself out to win a gangster's moll (56596231)
2.45 What Every Woman Knows (1934, b/w). A woman fights for her husband's *political career (83488873). Ends at 5.00*

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Taylor's way finds no favour with Hughes

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE game is almost up for Graham Taylor. The England manager's desire for dignity, and his hints after World Cup elimination last week that he might yet find sanctuary within Lancaster Gate, the headquarters of the Football Association, were given little credence yesterday by Charles Hughes, the body's director of coaching and education.

Hughes condemned Taylor's inconsistencies of selection and method, suggesting that these indecisions "compounded" what he, the director of coaching, admitted were failings of technique.

Given that Taylor has not himself admitted to any technical inferiority, that he in all bar the game in Norway defends his teams and his tactics from those available through injuries, the gulf between him and Hughes is apparent. The irony is that Hughes was on the platform, an appearance as rare as a badger coming voluntarily into light, not to talk about England's failure but to launch the Football Association's *Programme for Excellence*.

This document, unwittingly presented in a cover the colour of Dutch football orange, contains the final recommendations of the FA proposals to rectify in the long term the coaching, teaching and access to schoolboys. And the reasons Hughes exceeded his brief was that the councillors of the FA, expected merely to rubber-stamp these far-reaching proposals, instead showed that they are not all sheep, and decided they wanted three weeks to deliberate.

Thank heavens for that. One recommendation which perturbs some of the wiser members is the scheme to pay compensation, sometimes in advance of £100,000, should the boy who receives coaching at one club from the age of nine, later decide he prefers to play for another.

The whole scheme puts boys from the tender age of nine into the care of so-called centres of excellence where, if the proposal is passed, there would be no limit to the coaching he might receive at his local club. This begs two questions, the competence of teachers or professional coaches to tutor growing boys, and the problems embedded in a game where coaching staff change so frequently.

Hughes believes there is no flaw in his coaching syllabus, which has been in place since 1984, that time spent with youngsters will not cure. He says that he and his coaching philosophy, the direct game, bears no responsibility for England's elimination from the World Cup. Indeed, Hughes asserts that, the managers of Norway and Ireland, Egil Olsen and Jack Charlton, did "take on board our scheme for coaching".

Taylor, he said, chose too many players, gave them too few opportunities to build up confidence and rapport in one another, and what is more changed the pattern of play from game to game.

"What matters in international football, what was the hallmark of Sir Alf Ramsey, is to make up your mind, to give the players the experience and the confidence in your method," he added.

As to his critics within professional football, Hughes is pugnacious. He dismisses every one of them as "mischievous, ill-meaning people". And they include, he openly declared, Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, both for his criticisms relating Hughes and the FA to "kick and rush", and to Taylor's outrage that these new proposals should have concerned input and discussion with the PFA.

"If we don't deal with the root problem of boys playing up to 150 matches per year," Hughes told the councillors yesterday morning, "then anything else we do will be tinkering around the periphery."

His recommendation is for a maximum of 60 matches for any gifted schoolboy in a year, for which the FA would collect a £5 registration fee and then police the matter as well as coach the boy. Some of the recommendations of Hughes — small-sized pitches for pre-adolescents, non-competitive matches in which the emphasis can be on developing techniques such as dribbling, passing and shooting — are excellent. But the fear in the professional game, among leading coaches and managers, is that the dogma in the end always becomes simplified from Lancaster Gate into what they describe as Route One football. Hughes calls it "direct" play.

One thinks, over and over again, of Nils Middelboe, a Danish banker who played for Chelsea from 1913 to 1922, who subsequently wrote a magnificent little book, *Common Sense About Soccer*, foreseeing the advent of coaching mania, which could lead to tactics and formulae which depressed the joy and spontaneity of play. Middleboe wrote: "To systematise is to sterilise."

Man who split football, page 40

Comeback by McRae puts brake on Finn

BY OLIVER HOLT

COLIN McRae staged a stirring comeback in the RAC Rally yesterday when he tore through the frost-bound forests of mid-Wales and Snowdonia and wiped out the advantage established by the Finn, Juha Kankkunen, to give himself a modest overnight lead.

The thousands of spectators who lined the remote woodland tracks that mark the beginning of the serious business of the rally after Sunday's glorified exhibition stages were treated to a thrilling display of driving by McRae, 25, who is bidding to become the first British driver to win the event since Roger Clark in 1976.

He started the day badly in his new Subaru Impreza and fell 64 seconds behind Kankkunen, who has already clinched this year's world championship, by the end of the morning's first stage, which was the tenth overall. But McRae chipped away with a series of quickest stage times and produced a fitting climax by finishing 28 seconds ahead of the Finn in the final stage at Clocaenog to earn an overall lead of 21 seconds.

The Scot had slipped to fourth place in the early-morning darkness of the first stage behind Kankkunen's Toyota Celica, his Subaru team-mate, Ari Vatanen, and Didier Auriol, in the other Toyota. Although he finished only third in the next stage at Myherin, he was 16 seconds clear of Kankkunen and even further ahead of Vatanen and Auriol and returned to the second place he had held overnight.

He set the fastest time in six of the next seven stages, losing one to Malcolm Wilson, sharing another with Kankkunen, but all the time defiantly maintaining his charge. "It's always great to be in first place," McRae said later. "Especially for all the spectators who waited in the cold to watch us today. But I mustn't forget that tomorrow will be hard, and may be harder than today. There is no way I can let up until the rally is over."

In what was a fine day for the British contingent, six drivers finishing in the leading 12, Wilson, driving a Ford Escort in his seventeenth RAC Rally ended the day in third place 2min 24sec behind McRae. "It has been quite a good day for me despite the conditions," Wilson said. "When things are like this you cannot rely on anything going to plan. You have got to run risks. You have got to ride all the road and the ditches."

The results have created the prospect of a fascinating third day today in the Kielder Forest in Northumberland, traditionally regarded as the most treacherous of all RAC stages. But seasoned observers urged caution before any premature celebrations on McRae's behalf. Two years ago, less mature and experienced, more prone to erratic driving, he led the event at the same stage before plunging down a steep bank the next morning and ending his chances. Last year, he led again before mechanical failure forced him off the pace.

More pertinently, it is probable Kankkunen eased off in the latter stages of the day and, despite his protestations that he was finding it impossible to hold off McRae, he may have ceded him the lead so the Scot will be forced to start first early today and clear a path for his pursuers.

Nevertheless it was a remarkable performance by McRae, who became the first Briton ever to win a world championship rally overseas when he was victorious in New Zealand in August. After the first stage yesterday he admitted: "To be honest, we were a bit slow off the line this morning. We were too cautious. Usually in this part of the rally everybody's time is within seconds of each other but because of the conditions, they're all over the place this year. It's like Scandinavia in parts."

Like Scandinavia, perhaps, for the spectators who skidded their way to the twelfth stage in the Hafren Forest, clustered around Christmas trees and taller pines, hanging over the track watching the technique of the drivers round a tight, hairpin that presaged the end of the stage.

Although it was generally a fine day for the Britons, it nearly turned into something of a disaster for McRae's younger brother, Alister. He turned a few heads when he sped past a line of spectators' cars on his way to the regrouping stage at Machynlleth with the rear fender dragging behind his Subaru, showering sparks into the air.

He hurtled past the smaller teams' service crews camped like gypsies by the side of the road high on the moors before abandoning his car to a group of ten mechanics who worked like dervishes to knock his car back into shape. Gwyndaf Evans's mechanics changed his gearbox into ten minutes midway through the day and the younger McRae still managed to finish tenth overall.

If McRae's mechanics worked wonders, however, the second-day laurels must go to a Fiat dealer in Selby, North Yorkshire, for upholding the corinthian spirit of the event and putting a friend back on the road. David Poole, received a distress call from Andrew Apperley, competing in the event in a Fiat Uno, late on Sunday night after he had developed severe engine problems. Poole worked through the night, tearing the engine from a model in his showroom, delivered it to Apperley yesterday morning and helped him fit it. Apperley was in 124th position last night.

Unfortunately, there was nothing any mechanic could do for the day's hard luck story, the all-women team headed by the driver, Phyllis Fletcher, in a Peugeot. They overslept this morning after miscalculating the time they needed to arrive at the start and, distraught, were disqualified for infringing the time restrictions.

STEVE ETHERINGTON



McRae charges along an icy track through the forests of Wales on his way to establishing an overnight lead over the world champion, Kankkunen, yesterday



McRae: poor start

DETAILS

LEADING POSITIONS (after second leg): 1, C McRae and D Ringer (GB), Subaru Impreza, 2hr 48min 24sec; 2, J Kankkunen (Fin) and N Grist (GB), Toyota Celica, 2:48:46; 3, M Wilson and B Thomas (GB), Ford Escort, 2:50:48; 4, K Eriksson and S Parmander (Swe), Mitsubishi Lancer, 2:50:59; 5, F Delecour and D Grataloup (Fr), Ford Escort, 2:51:08; 6, D Auriol and Y Occelli (Fr), Toyota Celica, 2:51:43; 7, R Burns and R Reid (GB), Subaru Legacy, 2:54:20; 8, A Vatanen (Fin) and B Berglund (Swe), Subaru Impreza, 2:54:27; 9, M Jonsson and L Backman (Swe), Toyota Celica, 2:56:40; 10, R Head and C Roy (GB), Ford Escort, 2:58:57

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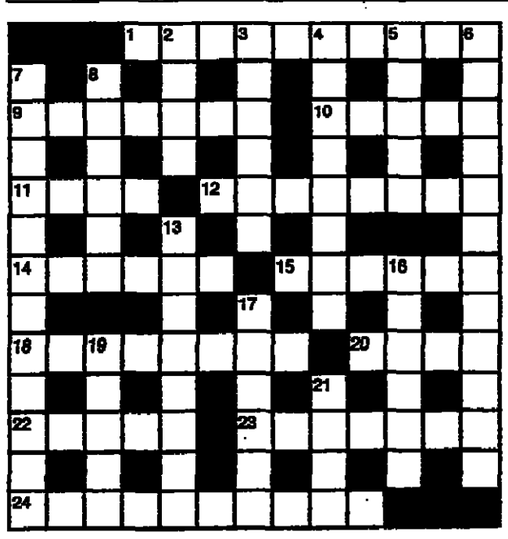
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11 Hardy's D'Urberville heroine (4)
12 From Madagascar (8)
14 Sweet wine; Omani capital (6)
15 Mouthful of food (6)
18 Mesmeric Russian priest (8)
20 Japanese staple (4)
22 Value (5)
23 Go ahead of (7)
24 Unbiddable (10)

DOWN
2 Pinkish, optimistic (4)
3 Up-and-down game (3-3)
4 Spot as unit of dress pattern (5,3)
5 Lower leg bone (5)
6 One difficult to arouse (5,7)
7 Linen stored against marriage (6,6)
8 Opposing (6)
13 Russian granny and her headscarf (8)
16 Black eye (6)
17 Proverbially adhesive mollusc (6)
19 Projection from stroke of letter (5)
21 Father of Cordelia (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 19

ACROSS: 1 Govern 4 Gecko 8 Assam 9 Baptist 10 Ode 11 David 12 Lay down 14 Lastly 16 Sledge 20 Quantum 23 Amish 24 Bit 25 Expiate 26 Hello/Hallo 27 Theft 28 Gratis

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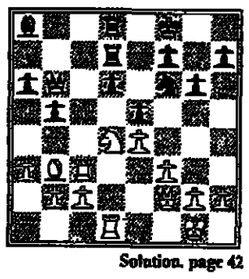
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DEMOPHIL
a. With thin leaves
b. A friend of the people
c. A rowdy demonstrator

EPILOGATION
a. The tip of the tongue
b. A summing up
c. Foolish talk

FUNAMBULIST
a. A tight-rope walker
b. An obscurantist
c. A noisy patriot

GLOBOSE
a. Unnecessary
b. Round
c. Talking too much

Answers on page 42